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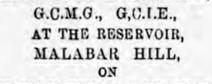

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SPECIAL RESERVE FUND ..... „ 2,000,000

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, 20th *February*.] [BOMBAY, 21*st February*

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols... ...	86⅛		⅛
3 do. Rentes	95¼	un	chgd
3½ do. Sterling Loan ...	102¼		¼
3½ do. Govt. Securities ...	85⅞		⅛
Bar Silver in London ...	31 1/16	un	chgd
Do. do. 2 months' hence	31⅛	un	chgd
Do. in New York ...	68⅜	un	chgd
Exchange on London at Paris ...	25·28	un	chgd
Do. do. do. Berlin.	20·51⅛	un	chgd
Do. do. do. New York.	4·84⅛	un	chgd
Discount Bank of England Rate.	5%	Since	17Jan
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight ...	4⅛%	un	chgd
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight ...	4⅛%	⅛	
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	5%	un	chgd
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	5⅛%	⅛	
Interest Day-to-day Loans ...	4⅛%		⅛
Do. 7-day Market Loans ...	4⅛%		⅛

Amount paid into the Bank of England ... ... £ 2,00,000

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate)... 1s. 3 1/16d. unchanged.

Council Bills:—

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs 1,20,00,000—

Rs. 6,80,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
" 1,60,000 " " to Bombay.
" 6,40,000 " " to Madras.

Rs. 14,80,000 at 1/4 3/16d.

Average rate of allotment 16·09.

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS—

Rs. 65,60,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
" 29,50,000 " " to Bombay.
" ..... " " to Madras.

Rs. 1,05,20,000 at 1/4 5/16d.

Average rate of allotment 16·15.

Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, including last Public Sales ... ... Rs. 1,36,10,000

Amount to be allotted next week... Rs. 1,20,00,000

EXTRA ALLOTMENTS—

Transfers on Bombay Rs. 4,80,000 at ... 1s. 4 5/16d

COTTON.

Liverpool—

Spots	steady
Futures	steady
East Indian...	quiet
Manchester	steady
Total Sales	10,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export...	1,500 "
Imports	12,000 "
Mid-Americans	5,94,05 "
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ...	11 unchgd.

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES—

Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May.-June
5·55	5·53	5·52	5·51
— 06	— 05	— 04	
June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
5·50	5·48	5·44	5·41	5·38
— 04		— 05		

New York:—

Receipts at U. S. Forts ...	34,000	bales.
Do. do. last year....	25,000	"
Exports to Great Britain ...	23,000	"
Do. to Continent ...	30,000	"

Spot Cotton—11·00 unchanged.

Futures—Month of March 9·12 + 02 Do. do. July 9·42 + 02 — Declined early owing to weak cables and advanced later through Bull Support and short covering.

New Orleans—

Spot Cotton—10 7/16 unchanged.
Futures—Month of March 9·96—04
Do. do. May 10·12 unchanged.
Closing Tone of Futures—steady

WHEAT.

Tone of Wheat, Firm.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed—

Yellow Cawnpoore, per 416 lbs. 85 per. ct. ex-ship 47⅛ Apl.-May. Dun Kirk Sellers.
Brown Cawnpore 44 Apl.-May. Dun Kirk Done.
Tone of Rapeseed firm.

Linseed—

Bombay per 416 lbs., ex-ship 44⅛ Feb.-Mar. Hamburg Sellers.
Tone of Linseed—firm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality). 7 unchanged.

Beef and Mutton Tallow—

Finest Australian Beef Tallow ... 37/3
" " Mutton Tallow ... 39/6
General tone of Tallow Auction ... Dull

ARRIVALS :—

" Unsinga" " Salazie"

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
3 Bundle Rs	1,180	Kuwait	Dumra	M. S. Paras
1 Case Sovereigns and half Sovs.	20,000	Jeddah	Ahmadi	The B. & P.S.N. Coy
23 Packages Sovereigns and half Sovs. and other Gold Coins and Rs.	1,44,980	Jeddah	Shah Amir	Sundry Natives

COTTON.

Market Report:—

Liverpool and New Orleans were reported easier in the messages received this morning, but New York was a trifle steadier. The local market opened quiet with little change in prices except for Bengals and Broach which were quoted Re. 1 lower. The same dulness and inactivity prevailed, and little business has been reported either in ready or for forward delivery with the exception of a small line of Westerns for April-May. The market closes quiet as under :—

Quotations :—

	Rs.	Delivery
Fine M. G. Broach	249	March.
Good M. G. Broach...	239	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti ...	215	"
Fine M. G. Damanganm Fulgaon...	205	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola ...	196	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti	197	"
Fine M. G. Muttis	181/82	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish	183	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish	179	"
Fine M. G. Bengals	171	"
F. G. H. G. Bengals	154	"
Good Westerns	222	May
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar...	239	"

Liverpool Opened—

Opening tone ... ...Steady.
Estimated Sales ... ... 8,000 bales.
Total Imports ... ...34,000 "

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES—

Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July
5·59	5·57	5·56	5·55	5·53
+ 04				+ 03
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	
5·51	5·47	5·44	5·42	
+ 03			+ 04	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

Ready ... ... Rs. 7 4 0 to Rs. 7 5 0
April-May ... ... Rs. 7 9 0
Tone—Steady.

Rapeseed :—

Brown Cawnpore April-May ...	"	7	7 0
Yellow " " ...	"	8	0 0
Yellow Gujarat "	"	8	2 0
Brown Kutni ready ...	"	7	15 0
Tone—Firm.			
Gingellyseed—			
Bold White 85 per cent ...	"	54	8 0
" 75 do. ...	"	53	0 0
" 50 do. ...	"	51	8 0
Black Kutni	"	43	8 0
Yellow Hinguughat ...	"	57	0 0
Tone—Firm.			
Castorseed :—			
...	"	36	0 0
Tone—firmer.			
Cottonseed—			
...	"	20	8 0
Tone—firmer.			
Groundnuts—			
...	"	45	8 0
Wheat :—			
White Delhi... ...	"	4	7 6
Tone—Quiet.			

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday.

Cotton	14,086	bales
Wheat	6,137	owts
Linseed	7,773	"
Rapeseed	2,427	"
Gingellyseed	9,345	"
Poppyseed	15	"
Groundnuts	2,905	"
Castorseed	2,650	"
Bleo	3,536	"
Myrabollams	5,087	"
Cottonseed	31,922	"
Mowrasced	.....	"
Gram	3,467	"
Joowar...	2,933	"
Maize	Nil	"

Shares :—

Maneckjee Petits ...	Rs.	3,457½	March.
Davids	"	405	"
Kohinoors	"	777½	"
Empress	"	500	"
Crescents	"	106½	"
Gold Mohurs	"	277½	"
Bank of Bombay ...	"	1,360	"
Bank of India... ...	"	53½	"
Colaba Land and Mill	"	1,020	"

BOMBAY MARKETS.

TUESDAY EVENING,] [19TH FEBRUARY, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money :—

Remains in good demand. The Bank of Bengal Cash balance is Rs. 24 lacs up. No change has been made in their rate of interest.

Exchange :—

At the Council Bill allotment yesterday Rs. 120 lacs were sold at 1s./4 3/32d. on demand and 1s./4 5/32d. for Telegraphic Transfers. After the allotment extra wire was taken at 1s./4 3/16d. and it was notified that Rs. 120 lacs would again be offered next week.

The exchange Market opened firm at 1s. /4 53/2d. T. T. and 1s. 4 3/16d. on demand, but one Bank was offering to sell for the mail at 1s. 4 7/32d. but only succeeded in placing a small amount. The credit rate opened firm at 1/s. 4 7/16d. 3 months' sight with some Banks endeavouring to hold out for 1 s 4 1 5/32d. for credits but bills are too scarce to make the latter rate effective. Far Eastern rates are steady.

T. T. on London	1s. 4 3/32d	
Demand Draft	1s. 4 7/32d.	
Credits—3 months' sight ...	1s. 4 7/16d.	
Do. 6 months' sight ...	1s. 4 1/2d.	
Do. 3 months' sight—France	172½	
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks.	141	
Hongkong—30 days' sight ...	152	
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...	148½	
Shanghai—30 days' sight ...	221	

Government Paper :—

The Market opened to-day at 97 1/16 for Cash and 97 1/8 for the settlement, advanced to 97 1/8 ready and 97 3/16 forward, but closing at the opening quotations. When it was known in the forenoon that the Bank of Bengal balance was up Rs. 24 lacs there was an effort on the part of speculators to advance rates but they only succeeded to the extent of 1/16. The higher quotations could not be maintained and we close probably with sellers as under.

Cash	97·1
1st Settlement	97·2

Bullion :—

The price of Bar silver in London is unchanged at 31 1/16 ready and 31 3/4 for delivery forward in two months. New York is also steady at 68 3/4. The local market has been rather more active today, ready and forward bars improving 1/4 and closing as under. Bar gold quotations are unchanged.

	Rs.	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	2	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	1	6
Bombay Bar Gold	24	1	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	79	14	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	80	0	0
Ditto 2nd Settlement ...	80	8	0

THE INDIAN GOLD MINES.

The following quotations were received by Messrs. Scott and Tod, Share, Stock and Exchange Brokers, of Second Beach Line, Madras, by Special Cablegram 14th February :—

Mines.	Share.	Paid up.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Anantapur Gold	£1	7s. 6d.	£0 10 6	£0 12 0
Balaghat	£1	£1	£0 16 0	£0 17 6
Champion Reefs	2s. 6d	2s. 6d.	£0 13 6	£0 13 6
Coromandel	£1	£1	£0 1 0	£0 1 6
Deo. G. F. Dev.....	£1	8s. 6d.	£0 2 0	£0 3 0
Dhar. Gold Mines	£1	£1	£2 7 6	£2 10 3
Dharwar Reefs.....	£1	£1	£1 7 6	£1 10 0
G. F. Mysore	£1	£1	£0 3 6	£0 4 0
Glenrock, Ind	10s.	9s. 6d.	£0 1 0	£0 2 0
G. F. Dharwar.....	£1	£1	£1 7 3	£1 10 0
Hutti	£1	£1	£1 18 9	£2 1 3
Hyderabad Deo	£3	£3	£2 10 0	£2 15 0
Ind. Mines Dev	4s.	4s.	£0 1 3	£0 1 9
Kempinkote New	6s.	5s.	£0 1 3	£0 1 9
Mysore Gold	10s.	10s.	£5 18 9	£6 1 3
Mysore Reef Ord....	£1	£1	£0 1 6	£0 2 0
Mysore West	£1	19s.	£0 3 6	£0 4 6
Mysore Wynaad	£1	49s.	£0 3 6	£0 4 6
Nundydroog	10s.	10s.	£1 5 0	£1 6 3
Coregum (Ord)	10s.	10s.	£0 12 0	£0 13 0
Coregum (Pref)	...	...	£0 15 6	£0 17 0
Road Block	£1	£1	£0 1 0	£0 1 6
Sangli (New)	£1	18s.	£0 7 0	£0 8 0
Teguldoli	£1	10s.	£0 14 3	£0 15 9

KARACHI FREIGHT MARKET.

Little business doing.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, FEBRUARY 20.

Little business has been done this week in freights. Markets at Home are rather weaker, but freights show no signs of giving way at present. Small business has been done for June and July at 15.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade.....	2	1	9
B Mandvi, Chukla, Comarkhadi and Dongri.....	4	4	19
C Market, Dhobi Talao Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	10	6	28
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	3	2	8
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	7	3	30
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	1	4
G Mahim and Worli	4	4	15
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Residents and Unknown ..	0	0	0
Hospitals.....	0	2	11
Total.....	30	23	124
Total plague deaths to date..	134,730		
Same date last year	23	21	130

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

MAHON—February 17, at Nowshera, the wife of A. B. Mahon, 45th Coke's Rifles (Frontier Force), of a daughter, still born.

DEATHS.

AGRES—February 14, at Puri, Orissa, of malarial fever, Anne, widow of the late Captain George Acres, aged 49 years.

D'SILVA—February 19, at Vepery, Elsie, the beloved wife of G. T. D'Silva, Assistant Principal, Madras Veterinary College.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h, 4m.; Sun sets, 6h, 41m; High water 5·21m., 8·57a. ; Low water, 0·39m., 0·40a.

P. and O. s. s. Oriental, with English mails of 8th inst., due to arrive at 2 p. m.,

Motor Gymkhana and Automobile Show, Marine Lines.

Gaiety Theatre, the Bandmann Opera Company.

Harmston's Circus.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, China, and Japan per s. s. "Persia" will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 p. m. to-day.

GRANT COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the Society will be held in the Grant College Library to-day at 4-30 p. m. (Bombay time).

POLICE NOTICE.—Silver ornaments, some clothing, &c., A Nickel Chain, some Books, Season Tickets some Boxes of Tobacco, Matches, Cigarette papers' One Old Purse, Two Spectacles, A packet of papers some Baskets, some Dhotars, some Umbrellas, A Pugri, (Turban) Gold ornament, A Parasol, A Lady's Bicycle A great coat and a Cap, One Camera, Lady's Jacket, have been taken charge of by the Police and awaiting owners at the Head Police Office.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—The following animals have been kindly presented to the Zoological collection One Himalayan Bear (Ursus torquatus by Mr. A. M. A. Simcox I.C.S., One Indian Gazelle (Gazella Bennettii) by Mrs. W. D. Sheppard, Three pairs Indian Gazelles (Gazella Bennettii) by Major J. Jackson I.M. S., One Indian Antelope (Antelope cervicapra) by Mr. C. G. Agges, One Leopard (Felis pardus) by Mr. Keshaw Ramchandra Galvanker. One Australian Magpie (Gymnorhyna tibiceus) by Mr C. H. Weatheral

A STABBING AFFRAY.—Yesterday, information was received by the police, that one Shiva Fakira had mortally assaulted his father-in-law, Tookaram Baloo, in his house on Kalbadevi Road. The Police went up to the scene and had Tookaram removed to an hospital, where he soon died of his injuries. It appeared that both the deceased and the accused had family quarrels and while the former was remonstrating with the latter the accused stabbed his father-in-law with a knife. He was placed yesterday before Mr. C. H. Setalvad, acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, when the case was remanded to enable the police to make further enquiries in the matter.

BAND AT THE ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel J. S. MacNeil and Officers of 1st Battalion, the G. I. R. By Vol. String Band will play the following Programme of Music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 6-15 p. m. to-day.

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SALE-FEVER.—The sale fever on this occasion is not confined to frocks and frills. The mere man professes a great contempt for sales and sale bargains, but his arguments would weaken in face of such testimony as can be gleaned within his own realm. Gentlemen would be more reconciled to the madness of what they describe as Sale-fever if the ladies would but recognise that bargains are not confined to domains more strictly their own. Gentlemen's watches, in gold, silver and nickel silver cases, sleeve links, studs, dress waistcoat buttons in various fancies, scarf pins, cigar and cigarette cases, smoking requisites of all description in silver and many fancy articles for gentlemen have also been subjected to sale prices at Messrs Marcks & Co's. special sale.

THE ACWORTH LEPER ASYLUM.—The Committee of the Acworth Leper Asylum, Matunga-beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donations, etc., for the months of November and December 1906, and January 1907 :—Major C. E. Baynes Rs. 15 ; Mrs. Row Rs. 72-6 ; Mr. Vithaldas Samaldas Rs. 25 ; Anonymous Rs. 10 ; St. Peter's Girls School Khandala Rs. 2-12 for christians ; and Mr. Thakar Madhowji Jesang Rs. 25 ; The Secretary S. K. S. Club, Lower Mahim Rs. 17 ; Mr. Sebaji Sawalaram 6 bags rice and 1 bag dhall ; Null Bazaar Flour merchants ; Parel Cloth merchants Moolji Jetha, market and other cloth merchants and Messrs. Mathooradas Tobacco merchant, Doongershi Waghji, Harsc Ratoo, Tokershi Moolji, Valji Mepa, Maneklal Bapooji, Virji Ratonshi, Trikumdas Megbji, Manshi Rajpal, Monshi Teju Chatrabhuj Jetha, Mawji Sunderji, Gopalji Devji and Megbji Deraj, Sweetmeats.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

On Saturday afternoon, there will be a souvenir matinee, when a handsome Shetland pony, and gold and silver watches will be given away amongst the children, and every youngster will get a chance of a prize. To-tomorrow night there will be a presentation of trophies to the winning jockey and trainer of the Byculla Club Cup. We are informed that in consequence of the Motor Carnival being held to-night, the management have decided to postpone the benefit to the clever Frantz Troupe of acrobats till Friday, March 1st. The Frantzes simply amazed the Amir on Tuesday night, as they did most other people, and they deserve a bumper house,

On Monday a benefit performance will be given on behalf of the Messina Hospital Building Fund, when half the proceeds will be devoted by Madame Harmston Love to this well-known Parsee Institution.

Another excellent change of programme has just taken place at the Circus.

UNIVERSITY SYNDICATE ELECTIONS.

A Meeting of the Faculty of Engineering of the Bombay University was held last evening in the hall of the University for the purpose of electing a Dean and two Syndics. On the motion of the Hon. Sir Walter Hughes, seconded by Mr. P. Glynn Messet, the Hon. Mr. G. O. W. Dunn was elected Dean of the Faculty. On the motion of Dr. A. W. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Visveswaraya, Major Sendamore and Mr. P. F. Fitz-Gibbon were elected Syndics.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

A CASE UNDER THE KHOTI ACT.

Their Lordships the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and Justice Beaman, disposed of, in Second Appeal, a case which has an important bearing on the question of transfer of lands under the Khoti Act I of 1880. The parties in the suit were one Ramachandra Ballal Gogte, appellant and original Defendant, and one Dattatrya Vishnu Prabu and 6 others, original Plaintiffs and respondents. Mr. K. N. Koyaji appeared for the appellant, the respondents being represented by Mr. M. Vaman Bhat.

This is a suit for possession, Plaintiffs being some of the whole body of Khotis interested. The ground on which possession is sought, is that by purporting to transfer by way of sale the occupancy rights, the Defendant resigned the land within the meaning of Section 10 of Bombay Act I of 1880, with the result that the land is at the disposal of the Khot as Khoti land free of all encumbrances.

It is conceded before Their Lordships that unless this transfer can be treated as a resignation of the land, the Plaintiff's case must fail. In their opinion, when one transfers land to another on a sale deed, he cannot according to the ordinary usage of language be said to have *resigned* the land. But the matter is made clear by the provisions of Section 10. It is thereby enacted that "if a privileged occupant resigned land, the land so resigned shall be at the disposal of the Khot." But a privileged occupant includes a *Dharekari* and *quasi Dharekari* and an occupancy tenant. And under Section 9, the rights of *Dharekaris* and *quasi Dharekaris* are expressly made transferable, so that if Their Lordships were to accept the argument which respondent is compelled to place before them, they should have the result that while Section 9 would enable a Dharekari and a quasi Dharekari to transfer, he would, on exercising the right of transfer so conferred on him, place his land at the disposal of the Khot by virtue of Section 10. This obviously cannot have been intended ; and so Their Lordships are of opinion that by transferring his land on sale, an occupant does not resign his land within the meaning of Section 10.

As this admittedly disposes of the case adversely to the Plaintiff, Their Lordships reversed the decree of the lower Appellate Court and dismissed the suit with costs throughout.

TWO CASES OF WIFE-BRANDING.

At the Appellate High Court, yesterday, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Pratt, the confirmation matter was disposed of in the case against Faeria Daghu, who had been convicted by Mr. W. C. Shepherd, Agent to the Mewas Schotes, in Khandesh, of committing the offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and sentenced to transportation for life. Mr. N. M. Patwardhan, pleader, appeared for the accused, as friend of the Court. Accused was irate at the obstinate conduct of his wife Bani (12) and he branded her cruelly with a red hot rod of iron in such a manner as to cause her death within a short time of the outrage. The body was burried : but it was exhumed later at the instance of the authorities of Ahilalkuva, in the Mewas States of Kathi. Mr. Sepherd was of opinion that the murder was of a most revolting description. Justices Batty and Heaton, before whom the matter had come for disposal on the previous occasion, remanded it to the Lower Court in order to have certain infirmities removed from the proceedings. This was done ; the case was brought on again yesterday. The learned Judges, after listening to the merits and demerits of the evidence advanced by counsel on both sides, held that the infirmities in the proceedings having now been removed by the recording of further evidence by the Lower Court, this Court agreed with the conclusion arrived at by the Lower Court. The conviction and sentence were confirmed : accused's appeal was rejected.

Before the same Bench of Judges, another matter of wife branding was heard : it was a confirmation case as well as an appeal. Mr. A. C. Wild, Acting Sessions Judge, had convicted Sawala Atma Pastia, (35,) branding his wife Bhagirthi, (18) in Medhe, Taluka Sangameshwar, in such a terrible manner as to cause her death, and sentenced him to be hanged. Laximan (40,) accused's brother, was convicted by the same Judge of causing the disappearance of evidence relating to the murder, by helping the accused in concealing the corpse in a ditch. The motive for the murder was put forward as the inveterate thievish habits of the woman, which drew approbium and disgrace on the reputation of the family. Laximon was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment. Mr. S. S. Patkar and Mr. J. R. Gharpure, pleaders appeared for the accused. Mr. M. B. Chaubal, Government Pleader, appeared for the Crown. On the evening of 19th December, Bhagirthi was suspected of stealing a quantity of flour : she was bound, gagged, and branded She soon died : both the accused took up her body by the head and the heals, and threw it into a diteh.

The learned Judges were of opinion that the Judge at Ratnagiri having omitted to examine the accused, and record their statements constituted a material defect in the proceedings, under Section 537 of the Crim. P. Code, which must be remedied by the Court.

Arguments were heard on the point.

The Government Pleader said, if in the interest of the accused a new trial was noted for, he should have no objections to urge to it.

Mr. Patkar said he would prefer to have a new trial, to which proposition Mr. Gharpure assented.

Conviction and sentence were quashed on the ground, that the imperative provisions of Section 342 of the Code, viz., the Court shall question the accused generally on the case after the witnesses for the prosecution were examined, have not been carried out; which constituted under Section 537 a material defect : new trial was granted.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF PERSIA.

Now that the National Bank of Porsia has been formed and incorporated by a royal charter, it is worth while, writes a Persian correspondent to the *Pioneer* to describe its present constitution. On the Board of Directors there are one hundred persons who are called founders of the bank (mousous). Each of these founders is pledged to subscribe fifty thousand krans at the least and five lakh krans at the most. The capital of the bank is fixed at thirty crore tumans which the founders will be able to raise to 100 crore tumans at the most. Each bank share is valued at five tumans. Of the directors of the bank, the present Prime Minister, Mushi-ed-Dowlah, has already subsbribed thirty thousand tumans. Vizier-e-Durbar ten thousand tumans. Sepadar (Marshall) five thousand tumans, Haji Moyintussar Bushirie, one of the merchant princes of Teheran, thirty thousand tumans. From India, England, and other ports of the world, the Persians are purchasing the bank shares. At Bombay an agent of the new banks has been appointed not only to self shares of the bank, but also to receive deposits and transact business. Already the bank has fully paid all arrears due to the army, and the loan that it will shortly issue to its own Government will largely go to meet the expenses of the Persian-Turco Frontier Commission and of the ministerial offices. To supervise its accounts and to place the business of the bank in the European way of financing, six Belgian officers have been appointed. From all parts of Persia subscriptions are pouring in, and it is expected that before the close of the current Mahomedan year, the capital of the bank will be over-subscribed. The Finance Minster, Nasirul-Mulk, has issued orders to all revenue collectors and provincial governors to deposit the assets of the Government In the bank, which has been empowered to issue payments to all budgetted expenses of the Government. In reality the new bank is only a part of the National. Assembly, for the National Bank is to be controlled entirely by the orders of the National Assembly. The original assurance given to the Government by the Parliament to the effect that an internal loan would be raised by them at the same interest at which the Government was to have raised a foreign loan has been made true by issuing the Government loan at seven per cent. Postal and telegraph revenues have been guaranteed to the National Bank by the Government for the recouping of the loan

PASSENGERS PER S.S. PERSIA.

The following is a list of passengers proceeding to China and Japan per Austrian Lloyd's S.S. Persia, on the 22nd instant, from the Victoria Dock No. B.—The Medical Inspector of the saloon passengers will take place at the Victoria Dock No. B —at 5-30 p.m. sharp on the 22nd instant.—Deck passengers must be at the Port Health Disinfecting Station, Frere Road near Prince's Dock, with all their luggage and kit at 4 p.m. sharp on the 22nd instant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Horsey, Mr. and Mrs. James, Miss M. S. Turner,

SUIT FOR PROPERTY.

Their Lordships the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pratt disposed of, in Second Appeal a case in which the original Plaintiff and Appellant Apu Ramachendra Lokhande sued the original Defendants and Respondents Shamnaji, Gulabchand (minors by their certified guardian Hiraji Marwadi) and 2 others for possession of the house in dispute. Mr. B. H. Kulkar appeared for the Appellant, the Respondent being represented by Mr. S. Mulgaonkar. The original suit was decided by the Subordinate Judge of Hubli who directed Plaintiff to get possession of the house from Defendants. In appeal, the District Judge of Dharwar varied the decree of the court of the first instance and directed Plaintiff to recover by partition one half of the property in suit.

The Plaintiff alleges that he is the owner of the property in dispute ; that the house and ground was acquired by his grandfather, Subbanapa, who was in possession till his death ; that after that event his father was in possession as owner for 18 years till his death that Subhanapa's younger brother, Defendant 4., got possession of the house, taking advantage of his minority and sold it to Defendant 3, who got possession; that he has learnt that the sale deed is hollow. The Defendants, on the other hand, contend that Plaintiff's claim is time-barred ; that Defendant 3 is the owner, who is in possession, and that Plaintiff is not a minor.

The case coming on for hearing, their Lordships observed that Defendants 1 and 2 obtained a decree against the Judgment-debtor, Defendant 3, and in execution thereof attached the property in dispute. The Plaintiff claimed the property as his own and objected to the attachment. He was thus defeated with the result that he brought this suit in the Court of the Sub-Judge at Hubli alleging that he was the owner of the property in dispute. In other words, he set up an exclusive title to the property in dispute. Defendants 1 and 2, on the other hand resisted the claim of the Plaintiff by alleging that it was the exclusive property of Defendant 3 and his defence was also to the same effect. The question therefore was whether the Plaintiff or Defendant 3 was the owner. The Court of the first instance was in favour of the Plaintiff. Defendants 1 and 2 appealed. In the District Court the issue was, whether Plaintiff's title is proved. The Lower Appellate Court has come to the conclusion that Plaintiff's title to the whole property is not proved and that he is not the sole owner of the property, but was only owner of half of the property, in dispute. Therefore the logical conclusion is that the Plaintiff has failed to establish the exclusive title set up by him. The District Judge has, however, passed in his favour a decree for partition and thereby changed the nature of the suit. Their Lordships added that such a decree should not have been passed because it grants relief on a title and cause of action different from those set up in the plaint and pleadings.

Their Lordships therefore dismissed the Appeal with costs.

POLICE COURTS.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION FRAUDS.

Personation and Forgery.

At the Esplanade Police Court, Bombay, yesterday, Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate disposed of the case in which Superintendent Sloane charged Premshanker Dayaram Dwivedi (20) student, with cheating by personation and with forgery. Mr. Velinker, pleader, defended the accused. The facts of the case have already been published. It was alleged that the accused in October, 1904, personated as one Raval Narotum Kalidas at the Matriculation examination held by the Bombay University in that year and did the examination papers for him, with the result that Raval was eventually declared to have passed the examination.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and said that Raval pressed him hard to appear for him. The accused refused to do so several times. Subsequently Raval came to him one evening, wept before him and said his life was going to be spoilt. The accused's heart then melted and through childishness he consented to appear for him at the examination. He signed the papers in Raval's name. Raval offered no inducement for doing so.

Mr. Farduniji M. Dasture, Registrar of the Bombay University, stated that he did not wish to press the charge against the accused in this case. He had received orders from the Vice-Chancellor with reference to this prosecution and in consequence of that he asked the Court to pass an order under Section 562. The University would deal with the accused departmentally.

The Magistrate said the accused was young and had pleaded guilty, and the University intended to deal with him departmentally. His worship therefore ordered the accused to be released on his executing a band in a sum of Rs. 50 without surety for six months to appear and receives entence when called upon, and in the meantime to keep the peace and be of good behaviour.

The trial of Narotumdas Kalidas Raval (21) was then continued. He was charged with abetting Premshanker in the commission of the offences of cheating and forgery. Mr. Vishwanath P. Vaidya, barrister-at-law, defended the accused.

The accused pleaded guilty and said he asked Premshanker to appear for him in the examination and to personate him.

Mr. Vaidya requested the Court to deal with this accused also under Section 562.

The Magistrate refused the application and stated that in his opinion the offence was not a trivial one and was not committed under extraordinary circumstances.

Mr. Sloane said the accused was in very poor circumstances and apart from this offence his character appeared to be blameless.

The Magistrate in consideration of these facts sentenced the accused to seven days' simple imprisonment on each of the two charges.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, February 22.

It is notified for general information that the Annual Camp will open at Santa Cruz on the morning of Thursday the 7th March, and will conclude with the Annual Inspection by the General Officer Commanding, on the morning of Thursday the 21st instant.

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UP-TO-DATE EDUCATION.

No. 4 of the "Occasional Reports" issued by the Director-General of Education in India contains three "Furlough Studies" of sterling worth and exceptional interest. Professor J. Nelson Fraser leads off with a report on the "Modern Methods of teaching English in Germany," Mr. H. Sharp, the present Director of Education in Eastern Bengal and Assam, follows with "Educational Studies at the St. Louis Exposition," and Prof. G. W. Kuchler of the Presidency College, Calcutta, concludes with a study on Physical Laboratories in Germany. The reports in each case are intended to be of practical utility to India and should in fact be very useful, particularly so the second and third, in which the recommendations are set forth with more confidence and decision than in the first report. This, however, involves Mr. Fraser in no censure for he is tied down within narrower limits than Mr. Sharp and has not the advantage of dealing with such concrete matters as Mr. Kuchler. The reforms in educational method which characterise recent years have been very largely inaugurated by Germans and they have so far received their widest application in the Fatherland. Of these reforms perhaps the direct method of teaching foreign languages is the most important. It was recognised some twenty years ago that the old time worn methods of teaching a foreign tongue did not supply the pupils with an adequate colloquial knowledge of the languages taught from a practical and business point of view. In 1886 Professor Victor in an epoch-making tract inaugurated the new or Direct Method which has subsequently been adopted with modifications by the Prussian government. The main principles of this method, such as are employed to teach German boys English, are the following. The ear is to be used more than the eye, particularly in the first stages. The pupils are encouraged to talk and to listen to others talking in the foreign tongue; they are not required to translate set passages from a book but are presented with facts and feelings which they can easily express in a foreign tongue. The Direct Method in fact attempts to teach a foreign language by the same process as that by which a child learns his own language. To attain this end some knowledge of phonetics is necessary and conversation must preponderate in every lesson. Grammar is as far as possible learnt inductively. By the old plan, whether in relation to a classical or a modern language, the pupil learnt vast quantities of rules and attempted to cram into his head lists of words. The rules were complicated by numerous exceptions and the task of applying to the text the information thus laboriously acquired was beyond the majority of the pupils. Besides it was an exceedingly slow process. No doubt it encouraged thought and stimulated the reasoning faculties more than the new method, but a method which is faster and for the majority of pupils more effective cannot fail to recommend itself as superior to the present generation. In Germany the Direct Method has met with almost unqualified success. Mr. Fraser was struck with the power of oral comprehension shown by the boys—it was greater than the power of expression—and the pronunciation was good where that of the master was good. Everything of course in this method depends upon the capacity of the masters and it would be doomed to failure wherever the level of teaching power is low. The German readers are extremely good, they are bright, interesting, and attempt to introduce the boys to English ideas and an English tone from the first. But for the very reason that they are so ambitious a dull unmethodical master would fail more miserably here than with the old method.

The most characteristic exposition of the Direct Method is supplied to us in a copious extract from Director Walter's book, "English on the Frankfort Reform Plan." The teacher is urged to avail himself of intuitions as much as possible; e.g. in the first dialogue he will explain with reference to actual objects such words as room, school, socks, trousers, sponge, floor brush, comb. "So in the same way he will explain or reproduce himself the actions referred to in the words 'he rings the bell,' 'I rub my eyes,' 'I wake up,' etc. Further, our object is to make the class stimulate each other, and we may do this and at the same time practice the conjugation of verbs. Thus, one boy may say as he sits down, 'I am sitting down,' another may add addressing him, 'You are sitting down,' while a third continues, 'He is sitting down." This active participation of the boys is carried to a point when one would think nothing but confusion could result. For instance, this is the model method of beginning a lesson as the pupils' vocabulary increases. "As the teacher enters the room he says, "I am entering the room." The boys continue, "You are entering the room." Teacher, "I am stepping on to the platform." Boys, "You are stepping on to the platform." Then the boys may continue spontaneously. "You are pushing back your chair, you are sitting down, you are opening the ink-stand, you are taking the pen, you are opening the class book, you are turning over the leaves, you are standing up," and so on. Such a scene would come perilously near to pandemonium in the class rooms of many an English public school, where the habit of discipline is not deeply rooted than in German schools. Mr. Fraser is rightly diffident in the matter of recommending this method wholesale for use in India. There already exists in the upper standards of Indian Schools something like the Direct Method, in that English is used as the general medium of instruction. Even thus, if we exclude some of the high schools in the larger cities, the general level attained by the German system seems to be higher, although the Indian teacher, as well as his pupils, is far more in contact with the English language than the German teacher and therefore should obtain immeasurably better results from a linguistic point of view. The explanation can probably be found in the superior capacity and technique of the German schoolmasters as a whole.

Mr. Sharp in his report has a very useful historical summary of the movement for reform in modern language teaching. The method at present in vogue in German government schools is characterized as a compromise between the system of Victor and Munch. The best and most practical of the reformers' suggestions have been adopted, but several concessions have been made to the old method. He adds some practical recommendations for use in India. First, more use must be made of phonetics, and a fortnight of purely oral work should with this purpose be insisted on at the commencement of learning English. Second, the conventional method of teaching grammar must be abandoned on the lines of a compromise between the inductive and the deductive methods. Third, the teaching must throughout be more objective. Fourth, the text-books must be reformed so as to be more interesting and stimulative. "In the very first page we must plunge into *medias res*, taking as our basis any single words or phrases of the foreign language with which the children are likely to be acquainted. Thus, Hausknecht's "English Student" commences with a string of words—"England, John Full, Lord, Lady, gentleman, roast beef, plum-pudding," etc, It would not be difficult to imitate this in India." Hitherto the most successful application of the Direct Method has perhaps been the Berlitz system, professedly an imitation of the natural process whereby a child learns his mother tongue. A condition of success however in this system seems to be a small class. But some modification of the system is always possible with large classes, particularly in the East, where the selection of a suitable text-book should make it easy to teach boys English without using the vernacular at all in the process, simply because of the prococity of the oriental pupil's imitative power. Indeed the thing has actually been done in Singapore with considerable success. In a further article we shall, with special reference to India, speak of natural methods in History, Geography and Science, of Drawing as a mode of expression, of Commercial Schools and Physical laboratories.

THE SHORTAGE OF RAILWAY WAGONS.

Recently a telegram announced that two mills at Howrah had to stop for twenty-four hours because of a short coal supply and still more recently that the Ishapur gun and shell factory has been practically shut down for the same reason, it being a repetition of last year's experience. Although Ishapur is on the Eastern Bengal State Railway, this state has been brought about by the shortage of wagons on the East Indian Railway, as much as by the shortness on the local line. These are instances which compel attention to the rolling stock question for they are concrete instances of the damage that is being done to trade. The E. I. Railway have tried to show that were enough wagons made to supply the coal and grain trade during the busiest three months the remainder of the year would see from thirty to forty thousand wagons lying idle and the present complement of 20,000 is eked out by borrowing from other lines. But it is not only Bengal which suffers by this shortage. The difficulty of dealing with the Punjab grain trade at Karachi has been drummed into the ears of Government by private individuals, the Press, and Chambers of Commerce, with seemingly no result. Now the matter is being brought home to Bombay and the representations by official bodies will be such that they cannot be ignored. Reports which reach us show that, through rolling stock having been lent to the E. I. R., the cotton crop is being held back up country. Dealing with the difficulties in Bengal the mining companies hold that the real trouble is with the Railway Board. Money, they say, is scarce and consequently when the railways send in their requisitions these are considerably cut down. For example, for the year 1907-08 the East Indian Railway asked for Rs. 1,87,000; only Rs. 1,43,000 has been given. Another of the causes of the general effect lies, it is alleged, in the totally inadequate manner in which railway inspecting duties are performed. The Indian Railways Act demands that, practically, the same methods of inspection of railways shall be carried out in India as are ordered by the Board of Trade at Home. This system provides that a properly qualified staff shall travel on the lines and inquire into the general working, accidents, abuses, etc., and the supply of traffic facilities would certainly come within the scope of the inspecting staff. If their duties were properly discharged, it would be seen, for instance, whether the wagon supply was conducted on sound principles, if there were defects in the system, and also the best way to deal with them. But unfortunately, so far as this staff is concerned, the controlling centres are literally starved. They are not given the money or the men, and the work cannot be done. There seems no room for doubt that the Railway Board is not paying sufficient attention to this matter of wagons and there is equally no room for doubt that the periodical starving of traction facilities must hinder India in Foreign markets. Seeing that the system prevails of [illegible] rolling stock between railways there is no reason why the matter should not be taken up with regard to all requirements of all lines. To-day Bombay is suffering because Calcutta gets first call through having an earlier market, but that preference should not be allowed to work to the detriment of the Bombay season. The E.I. R. always works on the system that, having the trucks they are in a position to keep them until all their requirements have been fulfilled. The position is becoming acute, and it is sincerely to be hoped that it will not be allowed to escape notice in the Budget. There is only one way of preventing a recurrence of the difficulty and that is for Government to adopt a really liberal policy towards the railways and to set aside a sum sufficient to ensure free movement of crops next season. That this has not been done, already, seems to point to the fact that the Railway Board is quite unaware of the necessities with which it should be the first to grapple.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC TO THE UNITED STATES.

According to the American statistics for the year 1906, 14 shipping companies were engaged in the passenger traffic across the Atlantic. Altogether they conveyed 1,159,551 persons westwards across the Atlantic into one of the ports of the States. Of these 82 per cent. were steerage passengers. 11½ per cent. second class and 6½ per cent. first class cabin passengers. Among these 14 shipping companies are five, which are already distinguished from the rest by the fact, that besides running their principal line of steamers from the home port (Hamburg, Bremen, Liverpool and Glasgow), they maintain also a regular connection between one or more Mediterranean ports and the United States. More than 100,000 passengers each have been carried westwards across the ocean by only four of these companies: the Hamburg-America Line 185 689 persons, the North German Lloyd 175,523, the Cunard Line 139,992. and the White Star Line 102,568. The superior position of the two German lines, as compared with their two strongest English rivals, shows itself in all classes of the passenger traffic; most of all, however, in the figures for the second class cabin. The percentage of the entire traffic for the different classes was for the two German companies 35 4/5 for the first class, exactly the same for the second class, and 30 for the steerage. The two main English lines had together 27 4/5 per cent. of the entire traffic for the first class, 24 for the second class, and 20 per cent. for the steerage. Thus they came behind the German lines in the first class by 8 in the steerage by 10, and in the second class by 11 4/5 per cent. The German companies have provided special travelling comforts in their second class cabins for families of moderate means, who have to cross the ocean, and this is attracting passengers to them in ever-increasing numbers. How far the above-mentioned four lines outdistance their remaining ten competitors is shown by the following figures. The first class passengers by these 10 companies together only amounted to 36 2/5 per cent, or, little more than went by the two German lines alone; the second class passengers amounted to 40 1/5 per cent and the steerage passengers to 50 per cent of the total traffic. These figures are conclusive evidence that well-to-do passengers prefer the most modern and the best [illegible] liners, such as those of the Hamburg [illegible] Line, the North German Lloyd, [illegible] Line and the White Star Line.

PLAGUE IN THE PRESIDENCY.

Although, as regards the City, there was a slight lull in the plague mortality in December, it made a great bound in January, the recorded number of deaths growing nearly fourfold. In November there were 71 attacks and 55 deaths, in December 55 attacks and 46 deaths and in January 199 attacks and 171 deaths, so that it is clearly seen that not only has the mortality increased but the percentage of deaths to attacks has increased also from 77·464 in November, to 85·924 in January. It is pleasing to note, however, that while in January the total mortality from all causes was only 2,956, the average for the corresponding period of the last five years, excluding plague, was 3,091. Karachi too is suffering from an increase in the number of deaths: 49 in November, 126 in December and 183 in January; and here again the percentage of deaths increased by over ten per cent from November to December though it fell back by a little over four per cent in January. Both Poona City and District are recovering from this epidemic, the figures for Poona having fallen from 329 to 25 and again 5, while in the District they fell from 1,310 in November to 381 in December and 167 in January. In the Sholapur District 14 deaths occurred out of 15 attacks in November, and since then no cases have been reported, while sixteen districts have been free for the whole of the three months. In Kathiawar there has been a steady decrease, but in Palanpur, Kolhapur and the Southern Mahratta country, and in Cambay there has been a very marked and steady increase. The worst district is still Baroda which recorded 1,296 deaths in November, 1,579 in December and 1,844 in January. In November, Satara and the Bhor State were free, but a few cases occurred in December and the number rose greatly in January. Ahmedabad seems to reflect the infection of Baroda, and Satara is as much infected as ever, the fall in numbers in December being nearly counterbalanced by the increase in January. From the total figures for the Presidency it appears that November recorded 9,016 deaths, December 7,077 and January 9,178; but the distribution throughout the three months is too confusing to allow of any useful comparison being made.

THE Anchor Line s. s. Olympia arrived at Marseilles Homeward bound on the 20th inst

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. Persia, with the outward mails of the 15th instant, left Suez at 11 p. m. on Wednesday.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. Egypt, with the homeward mails of the 16th instant, arrived at Aden at 11 p.m. on Wednesday.

THE German East Africa Line s. s. Somali left Zanzibar for Bombay on the 20th inst. via Mombassa and Goa.

THE Florio and Rubattino Company's s. s. R. Rubattino which left Bombay for Genoa on the 15th instant arrived at Aden on the 21st instant.

LORD KITCHENER has intimated his acceptance of the invitation of Colonel Apostolides and members of the C. L. H. to a dinner in Camp on Saturday the 23rd instant.

IT is reported that the Prince and Princess of Wales will go to South Africa on H.M.S. "Renown" for the opening of the new House of Parliament, as soon as the Transvaal Elections are over.

THE Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., reports that the wireless telegraph traffic for Marconi-fitted ships for 1906 was 1,261,000 words sent and received, as against 783,950 words in 1905.

ON Sunday last "Max" of "Capital," was to have preached in the Howrah Presbyterian Church. If his sermon was as trenchantly incisive as his "Current Coin" notes in "Capital" the congregation must have had an interesting quarter of an hour.

THE following polo matches will be played today. The Indian Staff College vs. Bombay Team at 4-15 p. m. Umpires, Major Newnham and Major Leslie. The Poona Horse vs., the Bhavnagar I. S. Lancers at 5-15 p.m. Umpires, Major Leslie and Capt. H. Meynell.

HIS Grace Sahak Aivadian, the Armenian Archbishop for Persia and India, is at present in Calcutta. He has sent an encouraging letter to the members of the Armenian Young Men's Association, wishing it every success in its career of usefulness.

DURING the week ending on Tuesday the 19th of February 352 1/2 chests of opium were removed from warehouses in Bombay Of this one chest was shipped to Zanzibar and the rest to China. During the same period 309 1/2 chests were imported from Indore.

IN the Report of the Anglo-Australian Exploration Company, just issued, the Directors, among them Messrs. Frank and Robert Taylor, announce the acquisition of 1,000 Mysore shares, and remark that the prospects of the mine have apparently never been so bright as at the present time.

THE January number of the "Indian Forester," which has just appeared, contains the second portion of an interesting history of the life of the "Heresa" rubber termite, or "Termes Gestroi," by Mr. E. P. Stebbing. In other valuable articles Mr. H. Rodger describes the effect to fire in tea forests, and Mr. J. Nesbit writes of the sowing or dibbling of teak seed in Burma. The two first-mentioned papers are illustrated by some excellent plates.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN.

"THEY NEVER WOULD BE MISSED"

MEN AND THINGS.

BY

ROMA WHITE

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There are always certain obvious things that "never would be missed." Among them are smoking chimneys, motor smells, suffragettes and Chinese immigrants. Altogether, the list is a long one, and, if once it became personal on anyone's part, would, for the best of reasons, have to be kept private. It might include such things as are declared praiseworthy by the Catechism.

Taking it all round, I am inclined to think that the amount of white chalky stuff that the cook puts on the front doorstep of a morning would never be missed—except, of course, by the neighbours to left and right, and on the opposite side of the road, who, if they saw that you had decided white chalk was not a good non-conductor for dirty boots, would promptly decide that your establishment was going [illegible] of it, the [illegible]ter—at least, [illegible] sit behind their [illegible] brilliancy of your [illegible] to the burnish of [illegible]. In fact, I should [illegible]ss of a wormy and [illegible] to pop in[illegible] moth[illegible] oblivion everything [illegible] appertains to the false god of "respectability" that starches the "front" curtains, beds out the "front" garden, cleans the "front" windows, and leaves every domestic bogie in demoniacal tyranny over "the back."

OUR FRIENDS.

There are times when our friends' successes might, with exceeding satisfaction to ourselves, disappear from the immediate horizon of our lives. That, of course, is nasty of us. But who is sufficiently white of soul not to be nasty sometimes? And, following their successes, we might be slyly glad if their virtue one by one, trooped silently out of sight, and left us the sole and proud recipients of grace. That of course is even nastier. Happily, such emotions are only temporary. Were they to become permanent, I am afraid we should have to be placed on the list of such as never would be missed, ourselves. And such a possibility is not flattering to contemplate.

At almost every social gathering there is generally a guest concerning whose person and personality one would like to experiment with the aphorism that "absence makes the heart grow fonder." We cannot picture ourselves under any circumstances dissolving into a flame of love towards him; but we can imagine our feelings warming into something more charitable than the desire that he should choke over his soup or fish. The most definite thing that is matter with him is that he has no business to exist. He is one vast, mighty concentrated Ego buttoned up in a dress-suit. He likes and admires himself so dearly that we feel as if the right-side of him were David and the left side of Jonathan, and each half mad for the other a love surpassing the love of women. Laughter (expect at his own jokes) is a thing unknown to him; and his smiles generally indicate either superiority or pity for the foolishness of others—and superiority and pity are really things that ought to be excluded from smiles. His conversation consists solely in laying down the law and giving people information that they do not want. He tells his host where to buy his wines, and his hostess how to choose her cook. One feels that if Shakespeare were at the table he would explain to that immortal master the sweets and sours of human nature and the principles of blank verse. There is nothing in the universe that he does not know about much more accurately than anybody else; and he is always ready to part with his knowledge with the bland air of one who feels that he is casting pearls before meek and appreciative swine. Even the lowliest spirits resent the treatment; and it is positively intolerable to those who feel inclined to toss about a few pearls themselves. On the whole, if the accumulated emotions of the other people at the table could be united with the faith that removes mountains, this intolerable guest would probably find himself mysteriously but forcibly ejected through the window.

CHILDHOOD'S LEGACY.

Would anyone really miss the sometime friend of childhood who suddenly and violently propels himself or herself into your peaceful middle-age? You have grown far away from them, and they insist on treating you as a sort of twin. "For the sake of old times," they say, as they borrow your umbrella or drop in to lunch. "I know you so well, dear," the friend adds, if a woman, to a woman, "we were babies together, weren't we?" Certainly we were babies together, but that was not our own will, but the will of Heaven. Had we ourselves been consulted, we should have prayed that our lives might be divided by the aeons of the ages. "I know you so well," she cries again enthusiastically; and then proceeds to denude you of every virture that you admire, and envelope you in every weakness that you despise. "You were always so unpractical, dear, I know you don't mind my giving you one or two housekeeping hints," she says, as she munches you cutlets and drinks your hock. "Reading poetry doesn't dust the piano, you know." And this when you long ago decided that simple duties were the highest form of poetry, and flattered yourself that you had developed into a sort of "Angel in the House." Her eyes, which are large and rather prominent, wander round the room half curiously, half critically, and presently you discover her staring hard at the ceiling, in a sort of rapt way that suggests she awaits an immediate vision of the Holy Grail. "It's odd," she says thoughtfully. "You burn electric light. How is it that your ceilings are so dirty?" And then she looks at you as if she suspected that the vileness of your own heart had risen up in smoke and affected the plaster.

She enquires into your grocer's bill, and, if you tell her the truth (if you are sensible, you don't,) she is sure that the cook is wasting the butter. She invites herself to spend the night and informs you of the sinful hour at which the parlour-maid goes to bed, and the immoral time at which the housemaid rises in the morning. In fact, she takes your establishment, so to speak, between her teeth, and never ceases worrying it until it lies shredded and battered around her.

[illegible] AND YOUR SISTER.

KISSES.

I suppose the sudden abstraction from life of the Sunday sirloin would really be disconcerting except to those whose minds are so illregulated that they feel they would rather eat anything else at one o clock on the Lord's Day—even a finnon haddock. But although a doubt remains about the Sunday sirloin, no uncertainty whatever exists about the clammy remains of Tuesday's veal, or the chastened shreds of Thursday's mutton. No, certainly cold veal and hashed mutton would be missed by nobody Was it not Macaulay who said that "cold veal was like kissing your sister?" If cold veal would never be missed what about kissing your—but, no! it is not for a mere woman to enquire into the extent of a man's loneliness of soul were he to cease to kiss his sister.

There are certain forms of "little kindnesses" that are prone to moult their angelic feathers, and hang themselves round the necks of the unfortunate recipients in the form of vampires. A "little kindness" should be forgotten the moment it is perpetrated. To carry on its unction into the morrow is wearisome; but it is simply intolerable to oil the wheels of your self-approbation with it the week after next. Do we not all know the saying "And after all that I have done for you"! And are we not invariably consumed with a wild yearning that nothing whatever had at any time been done for us by the speaker, save acts of a wholly malignant nature, that we might, in a beautiful spirit, sit down and forgive?

USELESS PRESENTS.

Does not everybody in the world suffer from useless presents, which are often sent in a spirit of weariness, because custom demands them, and received with an equal sense of spiritual prostration? We set them up in front of us on the breakfast-table, and, gazing pathetically at the one-and-eleven-pence-half-penny electro vase that tries to look like silver, or the box of cheap cigars that it would poison the constitution to smoke, say sadly, "How kind of so-and-so." But we wish that their form of kindness had not left us the vase to be dusted or the cigars (I am afraid they are generally presented by a woman-friend) to be surreptitiously given away to the jobbing-gardener. Presents should never be "shoddy." They should be of the very essence of lastingness, or as fugitive as the birthday or wedding-day itself. Personally, I should like to reconstruct the whole system of giving them to write to a rich friend and say my thought was of her, but had found expression in a dinner to starving family; while an acquaintance of moderate means might in the same fashion, be made the cause of a bunch of flowers to some lonely old maid. What a pity it is you can't do things you want to, without the world wondering if you are mad.

CHEERFUL IDIOTS.

People who insist on being "cheerful Christians" in times of greater or less affliction would, I fancy, not leave a very gaping blank were they to "slowly and silently vanish away," like Lewis Carroll's "Snark." They invariably pride themselves on being "wholesome" and "well-balanced." One feels that they call their own natures "tonic" and "breezy" in moments of self-contemplation—and who has not sat down to contemplate the loveliness of his own disposition at times? But the sort of breeze that is really enjoyable does not come self-consciously in at the front door, duly announced by the parlourmaid, with the idea of doing the sufferer good. It just stays out being a breeze on the hillside, and it has nice smells and the birds in it. Moreover, it does not care a rap whether it does you good or not. As for tonics, it is nicer to take them in spoonfuls out of bottles.

To conclude—but are not concluding sentences things that "never would be missed," both in sermons, and on the front-doorstep, in an east wind, when callers are saying goodbye? The desire to put a dramatic and artistic finish to everything is, I suppose, inherent in human nature. Let us decide that, so long as Nature never finishes, but goes on bringing winter out of autumn, and summer out of spring, the mere penwright had better take a leaf out of her book, and not try to finish up with perorations. He will do better, like the caller and the preacher, if he retires in silence.

THE ARCHDEACON, KALA JAGAHS, AND BRIDGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—"Anabel" is angry, very angry. I hope and am sure all her other friends hope, that she will safely recover.

I am inclined to think that "Anabel's" letter in your issue of yesterday shows that she may not have had the pleasure and honour of hearing my remarks on Bridge and that she did not see them fully reported in the Bombay Press; I therefore now send you the remarks I made, and shall be very grateful if you will let them appear in your journal for "Anabel's" edification and kind consideration. Much has been said and much published about the Archdeacon's Paper in which he mentions "Kala Jagahs and Bridge," but as only part of the Paper appeared in the Press, and that in a summarised form, the nice parts being left out, comparatively few people know what the Archdeacon's Paper actually did say, and I would now suggest that you might forthwith publish the Paper in full.—Yours, &c.,

J. G. E. METCALFE.

Remarks made by Mr. J. G. E. Metcalfe at the Diocesan Conference on 7th instant:—

With reference to Mr. Dickins's Paper of yesterday on Social and Family Life in India, I am glad to say that with regard to Bombay I can offer substantial consolation to the reader of the Paper and to others who are of his way of thinking about Bridge playing. Some ladies of Bombay have been in the habit of asking to their houses parties to play Bridge from about 5 to 8 p.m., usually on specified days of each week, and this, I believe, represented a large part of the Bridge played in Bombay by what I understand to be the class of Europeans whom Mr. Dickins had specially in mind in his paper. A short time ago some of these ladies thought that instead of meeting at one another's houses, and with a view to mutual freedom, it would be a good idea for them and their friends to engage a room to which any of them could go at any time to play Bridge; accordingly about two months ago a room was engaged by those who play, both ladies and men, of whom I am one, each person to pay a small monthly subscription to cover expenses. It might be supposed by some that this would be an incitement to Bridge playing, but, on the contrary, the room is so little used that it is now thought hardly worth while keeping it open. This, I think, may be taken to show what are the Bridge playing propensities of Bombay, and I hope it is reasonable to consider this city to a great extent representative of the rest of India in such matters. I do not know if I am in order in remarking that it appears to be a matter of regret that though some of the Bombay daily papers have reported the communications in Mr. Dickins's paper of yesterday, they have said nothing of the very appreciative and kind things his paper says about the good works of European men and women in India.

[* On comparing our report of Captain Metcalfe's speech we find it is in substance as above, and there was therefore no necessity to reproduce it to save him from being misunderstood. As to his suggestion that we should republish the Archdeacon's paper, we have reason to believe that our summary did the venerable gentleman no injustice, so we must decline.—ED.—*B. G*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I am incredibly informed that the Archdeacon, while recently passing a very snug *Kala Jagah* overheard the following tale: It was in an out of the way station that the great "week" was approaching and the Gymkhana was not large enough for a dance. Wherefore the Secretary approached the owner of the local Assembly Hall and was duly shown the bare room. He remarked that there was no opportunity for "Kala Jagahs" and the Babu, opening a small door pointed into a dark hole. *Kis waste?* asked the Englishman. *Utcha, Sahib, kisi ka waste*, replied the Baba with a bland smile and total disregard for the usages of his own language.

I wish I had heard this before a recent dance, for I might have profited by it. As it was I can solemnly aver that I never kissed anyone and never held anyone's hand—at least not longer than for the customary greeting. But had it been that amongst the throng there had been any fair dame for whom I had a great affection it is highly probable that I should have escorted her to the kalsest "kala jagah" to be found, and it is still more probable that I should have endeavoured to obtain a kiss. What would the Venerable Archdeacon have? Would he prefer to see it all done in the blaze of the ball room? Heaven forbid! Now I am willing to bet ten rupees to one that neither he nor any of his supporters can honestly say that he considers the lawn at a garden-party better than a secluded corner for the purpose of asking the holder of his affections to make him "the happiest man on earth." If that is not the right formula, I crave forgiveness.

Now there is one important point in the controversy—for such it seems to have become—which ought to be settled at once. How has the Archdeacon gained his knowledge? Has he enjoyed these delights of the dark corners? Oh! fie, fie! Has he gained it by observation? Fie, shundred times more!

As for Bridge, awful admission, it bores me intensely, but so do ill-timed dissertations and tirades against the little things which make the mayonnaise for the lobster of life.

I am a bachelor—not confirmed—and through lack of an adequate supply of "Kala Jagahs" I seem likely to remain so. Can you help me? The one to break the spell must be lively, must realise that a pretty figure is intended to be encased in pretty dresses, that a neat ankle is enhanced by a pretty shoe, I shall expect her to sit in "Kala Jagahs" with me before and after marriage and most sincerely I hope she will enjoy, not only smoke,—a cigarette with me after dinner. As for myself, I can supply excellent references, necessary only because of the paucity of "Kala Jagahs." Please forward any applications you receive by special messenger.—Yours, &c.,

IN THE BLAZE OF DAY.

Mr. V. Gabriel C. V. O. Under Secretary Foreign Department proceeds on six month leave early in March.

THE annual Exhibition and Conversazione of the Bombay Art Society should this year be a great event in the history of the society, for His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of attending, and has also kindly consented to lead his band. There are a great many interesting pictures in Bombay which might be lent for purposes of Exhibition at this interesting annal function, as people who possess them only know that a brief view of them would afford pleasure to others.

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THE FISCAL PROBLEM.

AMENDMENT REJECTED.

Mr. Balfour Disappoints the Party.

ATTITUDE TO THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

The debate on the address being continued Mr. Balfour censured Mr. Churchill for declaring that the Government would not go to the Colonial Conference with an open mind regarding Col onial Preference, but the tone of the subsequent references to the possibility of Preference was such that the cheers of his followers, at the conclusion of the debate, were of the faintest description. The Tariff Reformers were manifestly dissatisfied.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 21,

The fiscal amendment has been defeated by 393 votes to 98, and the Address has been adopted.

OPENING THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

Unprecedented Prosperity.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

Lord Northcote, in opening the Commonwealth Parliament, congratulated the country on its unprecedented prosperity, bountiful harvests being accompanied by the expansion of industries of which there was every prospect of continuance.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

Treatment of Native States.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

Mr. Hobhouse, replying to Sir Henry Cotton, said that the continuous decline in the exports of Malwa opium indicates that the present duty is not unduly favourable to the Native States, and that there is not sufficient cause for intervening.

BYE-ELECTION RESULT.

Liberal Seat Maintained.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 21.

The polling in South Aberdeen, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of the Rt Hon. James Bryce M. P. as British Ambassador at Washington, has resulted as follows :—

Esslemont (Liberal)	3,779
McNeill (Unionist)	3,412
Bramley (Socialist)	1,740

TRANSVAAL ELECTIONS.

Notable Features.

GENERAL BOTHA TO FORM A CABINET.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 21.

The Transvaal Election results point towards a coalition between the Boers and Nationalists, with a slight majority over the Progressives.

The outstanding feature of the election has been Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, defeating at Pretoria, the Nationalist candidate, Sir Richard Solomon, who was the prospective coalition premier. It is now expected that General Botha will form a Cabinet.

Lord Selborne has nominated the Upper House.

THE MENINGITIS OUTBREAK.

Enquiry to be Held.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

Mr. John Burns has announced that an enquiry is being made into the causes of the meningitis outbreak which is still spreading.

NEW BISHOP OF HONG-KONG.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

Canon Lander of Liverpool has accepted the Bishopric of Hongkong.

SOUTH AFRICAN RAIDERS SENTENCED.

Ferreira's Fate.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

Ferreira and four of his fellow raiders have been sentenced to death. Two have been recommended to mercy.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE FOOTBALL.

Oxford Wins.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

Oxford has beaten Cambridge at Association Football by two to one.

FRENCH CRUISER ASHORE.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

The Cruiser "Jean Bart" is on the Aquin Reef. The cruisers "Gloire" and "Amiral Aube" have been urgently ordered there from Brest.

TERRIBLE STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

141 Drowned.

LONDON, FEBRUARY, 21.

The Great Eastern Railway Company's Steamer "Berlin," travelling between Harwich and the Hook of Holland, has been wrecked off the Hook of Holland.

141 persons were drowned including ninety-one passengers.

OBITUARY

LONDON, FEBRUARY 20.

The death is announced of Lord Davey.

THE GADI OF JAMNAGAR.

RANJITSINHJI SUCCEEDS.

The Political Department has issued the following as a Press Communique :—

The Government of India have approved of the succession of Kumar Shri Ranjitsinhji as Jam Saheb of Navanagar.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 20.

Ranjitsinhji has been selected to succeed to the *Gadi* of Nawanagar. The late Jam died on the 14th of August last without heirs, and the decision as to succession has just been announced.

HON'BLE MR. HARE'S VISIT TO THE DOOARS.

Sympathetic Reply to the Planters.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 21.

On the occasion of the Hon'ble Mr. Hare's recent visit to Jalpoiguri the Dooars Planters presented an address of welcome. Reference being made to the prevalence of fevers, the Lieutenant-Governor replied on this. "I shall be very gratified if as the result of my visit here, I can carry away a more accurate and efficient knowledge of your circumstances and can acquire a more sympathetic insight into your difficulties and trials. Of these the principal is the sickness from malaria and blackwater fever. I have received your memorial suggesting that measures be taken to hold a scientific inquiry into these illnesses and am taking action upon it. I am hopeful that it may be possible to obtain the services of an expert to make the necessary inquiry, but you will easily understand that there may be much difficulty in finding a suitable person and it may well be that the difficulties which have baffled many able men will not easily be overcome. Meanwhile I hope it may at least be possible to put at your disposal in convenient form information as to the precautions which are at present believed to be the most effectual."

MR. GOKHALE AT MEERUT.

Memories of 1857.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MEERUT, FEBRUARY 21.

Recently a Correspondent in a Newspaper suggested that the Jubilee of 1857 should be celebrated in some befitting manner this year. If he had been an observant reader he would have realized that the Jubilee is being celebrated through the veiled, and even openly seditious, utterances of the Native Press and by the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale through his masked appeals to the dormant feeling of his audiences.

It is significant that his itinerary should occur in the Jubilee of 1857. His arrival at Meerut can not fail to awaken memories of those who are still living who witnessed and took part in the scenes of 1857 and others to whom they are cherished memory.

Among the vast assembly at the Railway Station this morning to welcome the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale on his visit to the initial scene of the Mutiny were crowds of Mahommedans in whose minds sympathy will spontaneously be awakened by the political propaganda they will listen to to-day, and they will readily picture up the utopia of an ideal India with Native Administrators, a diminished European Army, and a Native Army officered by Maharajas. The parallel of 1857 and 1907 lies in the fact of the incompetent general in Meerut who failed to stamp out the embers of the revolt in May 1857 and the supine Indian Administration of 1907.

MRS. ANNIE BESANT.

Tour to America and Europe.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, FEBRUARY 21.

I understand that Mrs. Annie Besant will leave India in the first week of May for America where she will make an extended lecturing tour, then return to England and, after a respite of a couple of weeks there, will again leave on a tour on the Continent where she will visit the important Theosophic Centres, and will leave Europe the first Week in October for Ceylon where she will make a fortnight's stay and deliver a series of lectures.

She will return to India early in November after spending a few weeks at the head-quarters at Adyar and go to Benares for the Convention.

FAMINE RELIEF IN MADRAS.

Total Cost To Government.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, FEBRUARY 21.

According to a revised statement, furnished by the Accountant General, Madras, the total cost of famine to the Government of Madras in the Civil Department for 1905-1906 was Rs. 16,44,293, which consisted for the most part of loss of revenue. Remission of land revenue amounted to Rs. 8,96,000, its suspension to Rs. 32,000; total cost of direct and indirect famine relief was Rs. 22,665.

SEASON REPORT FOR 1906-1907.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 21.

The final General Memorandum on the Indian Cotton Crop of the season, 1906-1907, shows that the total area is computed at 223,344,000 acres and an advance of six per cent on the previous season. Condition of crop is reported to be good on the whole, and in yield there is an increase, in British India, of 704,000 bales; and in the Native States of 778,000 bales.

The Memorandum on the Sugar-cane Crop states that the total area under Sugar-cane for the six provinces from which reports are received is reported to be 2,348,800 acres, an increase 237,800 acres over the previous year. The total outturn is estimated at 2,223,400 tons of unrefined sugar, being an increase of 497,900 tons.

The character of the season generally is good.

The Memorandum on the Seasons Rice Crop states that the total area is 54,535,400 acres with a total estimated outturn, (excluding Lower Burma, from which report has not yet been received) of 368 millions of hundred weights, being a decrease of seven millions hundred-weights compared with last year.

THE ALDERSHOT COMMAND.

Lieut-General Smith-Dorrien Probable Candidate.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 20.

Lieutenant-General Smith-Dorrien, at present Commanding the Quetta Division, will probably be selected for the Aldershot Command.

EARTHQUAKE AT GILGIT.

Mess House Wrecked.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, FEBRUARY 21.

A shock of earthquake has occurred at Gilgit, and the Mess House is said to have been wrecked.

THE AMIR'S VISIT.

FURTHER SHOPPING.

Juma Prayers.

Yesterday morning His Majesty the Amir took ample rest in the Ridge House. He was up early and was seen coming out of his apartments and walking up and down the rear compound of the bungalow.

As usual the motor car was ready in the portico from 9 o'clock, the hour at which, His Majesty intimated the previous night, he would start. But the Amir did not leave Ridge House until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. His Majesty first motored to the Fort. The Amir was accompanied by Mr. W. L. B. Souter, Deputy Inspector General of Police on special duty in Bombay in connection with his Majesty's visit here. The motor car halted in front of the Army and Navy Stores, opposite the King's Statue and his Majesty paid a third visit to the Stores. Major Moss, Superintendent of the Stores, was not present on the premises and in his absence Mr. Bargon, Chief Accountant, received his Majesty and conducted him to the crockery and jewellery departments.

After making some purchases at the Army and Navy Stores, his Majesty motored back to Ridge House where he took tea. He then went out at 5-30 to attend the Horse Show.

Last night his Majesty dined with Sir Lawrence and Lady Jenkins.

To-day being Juma (Friday) His Majesty has expressed a desire to say his prayers at the Jakeria Masjid, one of the largest mosques in Bombay. An intimation was received by the Managers of the Mosque that the Amir would attend there, from Inspector Sullivan, who was commanded by His Majesty to make arrangements for the purpose.

His Majesty the Amir did not attend the Races on Wednesday as expected but decided to pay a visit to Colaba where he was present at the annual sports of the Royal Scots. He evinced the keenest interest in the various events contested, especially in the Obstacle Race. This so took his fancy that the distinguished visitor requested that another race, on similar lines, might be arranged. This was promptly done and His Highness's pleasure was such that he requested to be allowed to present special prizes to the contestants—an offer that was very willingly accepted.

Before leaving the ground he graciously presented Mrs. Murray, wife of the Colonel of the Regiment, with a handsome gold necklet.

The following Press Communique has been issued from the Political Department, Secretariat :—"The departure from Bombay of His Majesty the Amir of Afganistan has been postponed until the 25th February."

CHARGE AGAINST HON'BLE MR. H. BRADLEY.

Thrown out on all Counts.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, FEBRUARY 20.

The case in which S. Velayudan Pillai, late Manager of the Office of the Registrar of the Madras University charged the Hon'ble Mr. H. Bradley, the Chief Secretary to Government with intentional insult, abetment of, an l assault came on for hearing yesterday before Mr. W. E. Cuarke, Chief Presidency Magistrate of Egmore. Mr. P. Subramaniam, High Court Vakil, appeared for the complainant while Mr. James Short of Messrs. Short and Bewes, Solicitors, defended the Hon'ble Mr. Bradley.

Before the complainant went into the witness-box Mr. Short mentioned to the Court that the Hon'ble Mr. Bradley was engaged at a Council Meeting. His Worship said that his presence was not necessary.

After evidence and depositions had been heard, His Worship delivered judgment. Mr. Clarke reviewed the evidence at great length and said that the evidence and prosecution witnesses did not corroborate the complainant's story. They did not say a word about Mr. Bradley having raised his fist at the complainant. As against the complainant's story was the written statement, filed by Mr. Bradley, in which he denied *in toto* having committed any of the offences alleged by the prosecution. No doubt Mr. Bradley's statement was not evidence; but no one could for a moment suppose that a gentleman in the position of Mr. Bradley would tell lies. What the defence witnesses said tallied with the statements made by Mr. Bradley and though, the witnesses were Mr. Bradley's men and it might with some truth be said that they were partial, His Worship was not prepared to believe that the butler had been tutored to say words that complainant told Mr. Bradley; "I thank you for your patience." Thus it appeared that the complainant had thrown a sneer at Mr. Bradley which was highly impertinent of him. Mr. Bradley naturally resenting it sent a peon to bring up the complainant to speak to him about his conduct. Mr. Bradley was perfectly right in his action, and thereby had committed no offence. As regards the charge of insult that had been brought, it was not proved that Mr. Bradley had insulted the complainant in any way. Lastly, His Worship considered the charge of wrongful restraint which the Counsel for the prosecution had submitted, as having practically been admitted by Mr. Bradley, and held that that offence too had not been committed, and therefore dismissed the case.

His Worship before concluding his Judgment referred to Mr. Short's application for compensation, and said that he did not intend awarding any compensation since that would only serve to foment racial feelings.

THE LATE MR. BEAUCHAMP.

The "Empire's" Eulogium.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, February 20.

The *Empire* says that there is an implied tragedy about the death of Mr. Henry Beauchamp at the early age of 40 almost immediately on his arrival in England in shattered health. He was, undoubtedly, the best known Journalist in India, and a man who was more active socially and in other ways in Madras than most Journalists have time or energy to become, among the almost innumerable offices which he filled. He has been Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce and Sheriff of Madras, but his most valuable work unquestionably consisted in friendships which he formed among the Indians of the Presidency. It is significant that at the height of the Anti-British movement in India, he was ovated at countless farewells given him by the Indians of Madras. By them, at all events, he will not soon be forgotten.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, FEBRUARY 21.

According to a London telegram received to-day Mr. H. K. Beauchamp C. I. E., died ten days after operation for appendicitis performed by Sir Alfred Tripp theu distinguished surgeon of Guy's Hospital and Surgeon in Ordinary to the King. When in Madras there was no suspicion that Mr. Beauchamp was suffering from appendicitis.

THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, FEBRUARY 20.

The *Pioneer* says :—"Now that doubt has arisen as to the suitability of the site for the Victoria Hall in Calcutta, subscribers to the Memorial Fund would like to see a Statement of Accounts showing what has been spent upon the plans and the foundations. We pressed for publication of a Balance Sheet months ago; but now the necessity for issuing it has become undeniable. No one outside the Committee knows exactly the amount that has been collected and the sums still due from those who promised donations, but have failed to pay them. Forty odd lakhs, actually collected, have been making compound interest under deposits in the Bank of Bengal, and the extra sum thus accruing must be considerable. But it would be more satisfactory if accounts up to end of 1906, were issued without further delay. There can be no difficulty in making out a Balance Sheet, as all expenditure was stopped a year or so ago."

THE JUSTICES' ELECTION.

A Stormy Meeting.

SCENES IN AND AROUND THE HALL.

UNPRECEDENTED EXCITEMENT.

A meeting of the Justices of the Peace for Bombay was held at 1 p. m. yesterday to elect 16 representatives from their body as Municipal Councillors The Corporation Hall was densely crowded owing to the great personal interest taken in the election by a large body of the public. The contest lay between the parties of the Hon'ble Sir P. M. Mehta and his supporters, and Mr. F. C. Harrison and others. The primary motives which led to the formation of these two factions, which are hostile to each other, are quite patent to the reading public.

From about 12 noon, the Municipal Council Hall was the scene of much activity and general excitement. The time fixed for the Corporation's meeting, prior to the work of the election, was one o'clock, but before that time the candidates, their supporters and friends crowded the Hall. A large number of the public, anxiously enquiring about Sir Pherozesha's position on the polling list, filled the galleries.

Voting papers were, as usual on this occasion, issued at the passage facing the Esplanade Police Court. A number of chairs were arranged facing the table at which the members of the Standing Committee usually sit during their meetings. This was for the Corporation's meeting to be held prior to the election. On one side of the Hall were provided desks for the voters, to write their voting papers. Tables and chairs were also provided for them in the Councillors' Room.

As the Municipal clock struck one, the Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta moved that Mr. W. D. Sheppard, the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay, be called to take the chair of the meeting of the Justices of the Peace for Bombay.

This motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

It was then proposed, and carried without a note of dissent, that the voting hours be fixed at from 1 p. m. to 6 p. m. Bombay time.

Mr. Haji Usuf Haji Ismail moved, and Mr. Eknath Ragoonath Khote seconded, that the following gentlemen be appointed to scrutinize the voting papers and report thereon to the Chairman :—Messrs. W. E. Waite, M. N. Wadia, B. D. Banaji, N. Manghan, D. Bennett, Anandrao W. Shete, L. W. Michael, B. Ramrao, and P. P. Vagh.

The proposition was agreed to.

DISQUALIFYING A CANDIDATE.

The Chairman then said that he had receive l a letter from a member of the Bench of Justices, in which the writer had stated that Mr. Haji Sooleman Abdul Wahed was disqualified from taking any part in the election. This letter was read to the meeting, and the Chairman proposed that it be simply recorded.

The letter as read by the Chairman ran as follows:—

"Sir,—I see that you have offered yourself as a candidate for election by the Justices of the Peace to the Municipal Corporation. You are fully cognisant that under clause (f) Section 16 of the Bombay Municipal Act of 1888 you are disqualified for "being elected and being a councillor." I am informed that you have been advised by council to that effect. If you still persist in offering yourself as a candidate I have to inform you that I will feel it my duty to enter a protest against the validity of your candidature at the Justices' Election Meeting that is to take place to-day."

Several of the members asked who the writer of the letter was.

The Chairman said he could not say that, but it would suffice for them to know that the author of the letter was a Justice of the Peace.

One of the Justices desired to know to whom that letter was addressed.

The Chairman said it was addressed to him as the Municipal Commissioner and as Chairman of the meeting.

One of the members said they must decide what they proposed to do in connection with Mr. Haji Sooleman.

The Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta remarked that they could not decide anything then. It was for the gentleman concerned to do what he liked. The letter was read to them simply to bring the matter to the notice of the Justices. They were not concerned with any legal consequences that might follow Mr. Haji Sooleman's taking a part in the election.

The Chairman said that the letter in question was a copy of the letter sent by its author to Mr. Haji Sooleman Abdul Wahed who must know his own position in the matter

The letter was then recorded.

OUTSIDE VOTING PAPERS OBJECTED TO.

The Hon'ble Mr. C. H. Setalwad said that before the voting business was proceeded with he had to seek the Chairman's directions on a point which he considered was of vital importance. He understood that several gentlemen had brought with them from outside the Hall voting papers printed by themselves. Some of these papers were already filled in and signed. He asked the Chairman to decide whether the act of bringing in such voting papers from outside, already filled in and signed, constituted an illegal act. He (the speaker) submitted that it was. As far as he could see, the right thing for them to do was to have the voting papers issued and signed only after the meeting was over, and the voting papers issued by the authorities should alone be used by the Justices.

Mr. Joseph Baptista raised a point of order. He said that if Mr. Setalwad wanted that point to be made clear he might go to the Court.

The Chairman ruled that Mr. Setalwad was certainly in order. They should decide disputed questions as they arose.

Mr. Setalwad continuing said that the principal point he wanted to bring to their notice was that the law on the subject said that the voting should take place at the Justices' meeting and, therefore, the Justices should be left to vote as they liked instead of making them bring voting papers with them ready to be dropped into the box.

Mr. G. R. Lowndes was heard to say that the Act had not laid down what particular paper should be used for voting.

THE CHAIRMAN'S RULING.

The Chairman said that this question had been raised a few days ago in his office. A gentleman had come to him and asked if he could bring his own private voting paper. He (the speaker) thought of the matter otherwise. The man consulted his solicitor who told him that bringing in a private voting paper was quite legitimate. He (the Chairman) then consulted the Municipal solicitors who said that private voting papers could be used by the Justices, and that was not an illegitimate proceeding. The speaker read section 29 (b) of the Law on the subject and remarked that nowhere in the Act was it defined what particular voting paper should be used. Under the circumstances, therefore, any voting papers, even brought from outside, could be used by the Justices, for recording their votes thereon.

The Chairman's ruling was received with great applause by the members of Mr. Harrison's party.

It appeared that voting papers, prepared beforehand by Mr. Harrison's party, containing only 16 names was distributed amongst those who had promised their support to that party. The voting papers as supplied by the Municipal authorities contained 29 names of the candidates for the 16 seats.

The work of registering the votes was then proceeded with.

THE CANDIDATES.

There were in all 29 candidates for the sixteen seats The following candidates formed the party of Mr. Harrison :—Sir Sassoon J. David, Mr. H. G. Gell, Mr. F. C. Harrison, Mr. G. W. Hatch, Mr. James MacDonald, Mr. J. A. D. MacBain, Mr. R. J. Jeejeebhoy, Mr. C. J. Readymoney Mr. F. S. Sethna, Mr. D. J. Ferreira, Rao Bahadur N. N. Nanavati, Rao Bahadur N. T. Vaid, Mr. N. V. Mandlik, Mr. H. U. S. I. Sobani, Mr. T. M. Kajiji, and Mr. H. S. A. Wahid.

The following candidates formed Sir Pherozesha's party :—The Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta, Sir D. M. Petit, Khan Bahadur D. K. Chichgar, Mr. J. A. Wadia, Mr. C. M. Cursetjee, Dr. D. B. F. Master, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Mr. Bhagwandas Narotamdas. Mr. Kaliandas Kashavji, Mr. Raoji V. J Shankerseith, Mr. A. R. Sayani, and Mr. H. B. Tyabji.

A PROTEST.

The following was the protest drawn up, and signed by the Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta, Sir Dinshaw M. Petit, Khan Bahadur Chichgar, Mr. N. R. Chichgar, Mr. D. E. Wacha, Mr. C. M. Cursetjee, Mr. Jehangir Petit, Mr. Jehangir Murshau, Mr. J. E. Davar and a number of other prominent Justices of the Peace:—"We, the undersigned Justices of the Peace, are prepared to say on affidavit that when we voted for Mr. Sheppard to-day, we were not aware that he had obtained the legal opinion or advice on behalf of the united sixteen candidates, and that if we had known that Mr. Sheppard had obtained such an opinion, we should certainly not have voted him to the chair at our meeting to-day."

The whole of yesterday afternoon was an animated scene in the Council Hall,—a record event in the history of the Municipal elections. Mr. W. D. Sheppard was in charge, of the polling box. There were a few Parsee ladies present in the gallery to watch the closely fought contest.

There was a general grumbling in the Hall, that the election, as gone through, was illegal. It was rumoured that Sir Pherozeshah Mehta and his colleagues on the bench of the Justices of the Peace, would go to law to set aside the election as an illegal one, particularly in its way of accepting the voting papers from outside.

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WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

A STRANGE STORY.

The Marlborough Separation.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, FEBRUARY 1.

THE murder of William Whiteley, the Universal Provider, who was shot dead in his shop in the presence of hundreds of customers, promises to be more than the proverbial nine day's wonder. It will be remembered that the unknown assassin, who fired the shot, stated that he had killed his father and was glad of it.

The police attached little importance to this statement, but behind these words was a pitiful story of human weakness. Thread by thread the newspaper investigators have disentangled the knot, and to-day we are in full possession of the whole unhappy story of the shadowed life of Horace George Rayner or as he now prefers to call himself Cecil Whiteley.

For the beginning of the story we have to go back to the closing years of the seventies. At that time there lived in London two beautiful sisters Louie and Emily Turner. Emily is now dead but Louie and her mother have been discovered this week. Louie was employed as an assistant at Whiteley's where she seems to have attracted the attention of its founder. Shortly after, she and her pretty sister Emily are found living in luxurious quarters at Teddington. There were two constant visitors at the house in Teddington, Mr. Whiteley who came to see Louie and Mr. George Rayner who was the friend of Emily. When Emily's child was born, to cut the story short, Mr. Rayner, so his solicitor states, had the greatest doubts as to its paternity, but there was nothing for it but to bring up the child as his son. This little child lived to become the wretched man now recovering from his self-inflicted injuries in St. Mary's Hospital and soon to stand in the dock on the capital charge. Mr. Rayner kept his promise and brought up the boy as his son. Emily Turner married but before her death a few years ago confessed to the boy, "Horace George Rayner," that Rayner was not his father and told him who that father was. The reference is obvious. That the truth should have been revealed in such a tragically dramatic fashion after the lapse of so many years is not the least remarkable point in a story which reads more like the plot of a three volume novel or a French play than a chapter from the life story of a much respected citizen, Mr. Whiteley, by the way, leaves close upon a million pounds to charities.

LADY DOROTHY CUTHBERT'S DEATH.

The tragic death of Lady Dorothy Cuthbert has cast quite a gloom over Northern Society. She was out pheasant shooting with her husband, Captain Cuthbert, yesterday afternoon near their home, Beaufourt Castle, near Hexham. The two were walking side by side through the woods in the gayest of spirits. Captain Cuthbert was carrying his double-barrelled gun fully cocked. Suddenly he stumbled, the gun swung upwards, the trigger catching in his shooting jacket. A moment later Lady Dorothy lay dead on the snow. The charge had entered her head and death was instantaneous. The husband's horror at the accident can better be imagined than described. Hundreds of telegrams have been received at the Castle to-day deeply sympathising with the unfortunate husband.

Lady Dorothy who was only twenty-six years old was a daughter of the Earl of Strafford. A handsome girl of a particularly lovable disposition, she had hosts of friends and was well-known and liked in Society. Four years ago her marriage to Captain Cuthbert, who was one of the heroes of the South African War, was one of the weddings of the season.

Poor Lady Dorothy had spent all the morning making purchases for a children's entertainment which she and her husband were to give to-morrow to the children of the village, and just before she left the castle in her motor car to join the captain in the woods she arranged with the head-gardener about the flowers for her little guests.

THE MARLBOROUGH SEPARATION.

The unhappy difference between the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough is not as was once feared to have a sequel in the law courts, but thanks to many mediators, one of whom was no less a person than King Edward, a satisfactory *modus vivendi* has been arranged. Blenheim, the noble pile given by the nation to the Duke's great ancestor, will know the stately young American Duchess no more. Likewise Sunderland House, the magnificent town built by the Vanderbilt dollars, will cease to shelter the head of the Churchills. It will in fact be sold if the Duchess can find a purchaser at its price. Meanwhile the Duke will continue to enjoy the £20,000 settled on him by Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt when he married. The Marquis of Blandford and Lord Ivor Charles Spencer Churchill, the two little sons of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, will spend half the year with their father and the other half with their mother. The Duke will, however, have control over his sons' education. The Duchess by the way is to enjoy the use of the family jewels and on all occasions she will take precedence as a Duke's wife. Blenheim Palace will after all not be let, though it is probable that it will in future be closed the greater part of the year.

PICTURE POST CARD BEAUTIES.

The amazing popularity of the picture post card has been commented upon by no less a person than the Postmaster General, for the number of picture post cards that annually pass through the post materially swells the receipts of the Government Department. This week the Law Courts have been occupied with an amusing case bearing on the right of the ladies who lend their pretty faces to the photographer for the purposes of the picture postcard.

Miss Gertie Millar, known off the stage as Mrs. Lionel Monckton, a well known Gaiety actress, and one of the favourite picture post card beauties of the day, objected to the action of a certain firm of photographers who had issued photographs of her head attached to some one else's body. On one occasion, said Miss Gertie Millar's Counsel, she had been made to appear on a post card clad only in her nightdress, on another occasion she was represented in the act of crawling out of an eggshell although she had never posed for either of these pictures. Such positions, objected Miss Millar, were undignified and she liked her own body to be fixed to her own head.

The Court was filled each day of the hearing with animated picture post cards, and the evidence was provocative of much merriment. Mr. Justice Darling however decided against the lady and now the "faked" post card, as these ingenious compounds of personalties are called, is legally established.

Many of the pretty ladies who draw quite large incomes from the fees of photographers and postcard manufacturers are very indignant and are considering the wisdom of following the example of Miss Camille Clifford. That enterprising American girl on arrival in England put her face and her Gibson girl figure in the hands of a solicitor. Her contracts with photographers are all on strictly business lines and are stamped at Somerset House.

Only a few weeks ago Edna May, who is once again capturing all hearts, was intensely annoyed at a post card representing her as "a dreadful young person" the description is her own—sitting on a rock by the seashore putting on her socks. In this case, however, the firm on being remonstrated with withdrew the objectionable card.

THE HOUSE HUNTER'S GUIDE.

"The House Hunter's Guide" has this week come to the relief of thousands of busy women who have little time to spare for house hunting. House hunting, or what more often resolves itself into in these days "flat hunting" is not a pursuit that can be lightly undertaken, but there are few people who have either the time or knowledge to do it properly. The "House Hunter's Guide" is the happy inspiration of Mrs. Arthur Holland who, four years ago, established herself as a lady house agent in Kensington and is still without a feminine rival or competitor in this novel field of labour.

But it is Mrs. Holland's business to act for the landlords and owners of houses, not the tenants, and that is why she is organising a new department. Miss Wright, a pupil of Mrs. Holland's, young, energetic, and practical to a degree, assisted by a staff of twelve girls, will inspect any list of houses forwarded to her by a client. With the tenants' agent, as she is to be called, will go a competent stenographer to whom will be dictated a detailed report of the condition of the house, necessary structural alterations, with advice as to papering, painting, etc.

ARISTOCRATIC SHOP-KEEPERS.

Almost every day one finds fresh instances of the extraordinary ingenuity of our modern women and the aptitude with which they turn their attention to money making. In Sloane Square, made one of the most frequented thoroughfares in London since everybody who is anybody decided that it was their solemn duty to pay homage to the genius of Bernard Shaw at the pretty little Court theatre in the square, has been established a business owned and managed by fashionable ladies. It is called the Chelsea Furniture Company and one of its partners is Miss Kate Frere, daughter of the late Sir Bartle Frere. They are all very wide awake ladies who run the Chelsea Furniture Co. and one of their chief specialities is the making of really novel wedding presents to the orders of their clients.

Daily classes are also held by the aristocratic shopkeepers of Sloane Square and ladies are taught the art of buying and selling old furniture and the principles of house decoration. Pupils are also being trained in these arts with a view to their adapting the profession as a career.

THE WASP WAIST.

I predicted a few weeks ago that the fashionable West End modistes intended to make the modish woman of 1907 excessively slim. Now, however, it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that there is a determined attempt to revive the wasp waist of long ago. Of course it yet remains to be seen whether the sensible women folk of to-day, whom higher education has taught the exact physical effects of sacrificing both circulation and respiration to fashion, will tolerate the wasp waist; but it is an ominous sign when all the new season's frocks are built on lines suggestive of attenuated hips and a waist almost at vanishing point. Every precaution is being taken by the experts responsible for the dressing of society to keep down the waist measurement by the abolition of every possible under garment that can be dispensed with, and corsets are cut on entirely new lines. Princess gowns are most adaptable to the lines of the new wasp waist and hence we must expect an epidemic of these graceful frocks. Skirt panels, wide at the hem and gradually tapering off towards the waist also help.

Undoubtedly the "wasp waist" revival is responsible for the fact that all new materials have a stripe or a suggestion of a striped effect about them.

FASHION'S REFORMERS.

The mere man who has to foot the bill, is commenting on the increase in my lady's perfumery account.

Certainly perfumes are extraordinarily popular just now, for the modern woman is beginning to understand the art of perfuming, and it is an expensive one. To casually sprinkle any and every perfume on a handkerchief or bodice in the good old fashioned way does not satisfy the dainty lady of to-day. It is the duty of every woman to make a deliberate choice of a particular perfume, and having made it to stick to it. To affect a perfume not recognised by the rest of the world is the object after which every fashionable woman is striving and secret mixtures are being resorted to. Every garment, even hats and, most of all, gloves are delicately impregnated with the required perfume through the medium of countless sachels. Liquid scent and not powder is found most efficacious for the sachels which should be sprinkled afresh every other day.

"LANGAR" DAY IN HYDERABAD.

A Scenic Procession During the Moharrum.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, FEBRUARY 20.

His Excellency the Minister, as usual, invited a large number of guests to witness the "Langar" procession, one feature of the Moharrum yesterday from His Highness' Palace in the City. The Hon'ble the Resident and party were present and also the Royal Princess George and Conrad of Bavaria and Officers and ladies from the Secunderabad Garrison. Over two hundred guests responded to the invitation. This spectacle, which always takes place on the fifth day of the Moharrum, consists of a review of all the armed forces of His Highness the Nizam, the Regular and Irregular Police and retainers of the Noblemen. Lieutenant-Colonel Afsur-ul-Mulk, Bahadur, accompanied by a large staff, led the Regular Troops past His Excellency; the force consisted of the Artillery Cavalry and Infantry—a splendidly drilled and equipped body of men—who were loudly praised by the guests.

A source of much attention was the armed retainers with their curious dress and arms.

The narrow streets of the City were thronged with immense crowds of spectators anxious to catch a glance of the procession which took fully two hours to pass. There was no disorder, however, and every thing passed off well as far as the "Langar" day of 1907 was concerned.

The Minister's guests did not quit the Palace till nearly sunset.

POSTAL CONTRACT WITH THE P. AND O.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 20.

The *Pioneer* hears from Home that a new Postal Contract with the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company has been arranged, but the terms have not yet been disclosed.

HIGH COURT JUDGMENTS.

Counterfeit Trade Marks.

COLLECTORS' POWERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 21.

Important Judgments have been delivered at the High Court. The first case dealt with was the powers of the Collector of Customs to detain goods with a false trade mark, and the other with the question of Counterfeit Trade Marks.

In both cases the appeals failed and were dismissed with costs.

LUCKNOW HOUSEOWNER'S GRIEVANCE.

An Appeal to Lord Kitchner.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 21.

A petition has been presented to Lord Kitchener by the principal Houseowners and taxpayers of the Lucknow cantonment regarding the summary removal of their representative from being an additional member on the Cantonment Committee. Petitioners allege he was removed solely because he brought to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief the extraodinary action of two medical officers, and to the notice of the president the needless waste of Cantonment Funds by the Cantonment Magistrate. That in these matters petitioners consider he did his duty and that if the representative is liable to be removed the Committee because he objects to the passing of illegal orders by the Committee or tries to protec the interests of houseowners and tax-payers, no additional member with any selfrespect would agree to iserve committee. Petitioners pray they may be allowed to elect their own representatives; or the Committee to be nominated by the General Officer Commanding, and they ask for enquiry into the matter of their representatives' removal.

NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION. MADRAS.

Garden Party by Sir R. Benson.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, FEBRUARY 21.

Sir Arthur and Lady Lawley yesterday attended a garden party given by Sir Ralp band Lady Benson to the members of the National Indian Association of Madras Branch of which Sir Ralph is President.

PUBLIC NUISANCES.

And How to Abate Them.

"Public Nuisances and How They may be Abated." Rs. 50 prize to Correspondent who enumerates the Ten Greatest Public Nuisances in Bombay City and suggests the Best Means of Abating Them. Letters received by Editor up to the evening of the 19th instant are still in the competition.

XXXV.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—While fully appreciating your efforts to benefit your fellow townsmen, and enhance their welfare, I am afraid that many of your correspondents are not responsible citizens, or taxpayers and take only a very private and personal view of many of the alleged nuisances.

Take for instance the undoubted nuisance, DUST. Are your correspondents prepared to face the expense of the proposed remedies? viz. Crude oil, or Sea Water.

The unfortunate Gharriwallah seems to be the next popular nuisance, but the gentlemen who abuse him, seem to forget that he is not a charitable institution, but let anyone try running gharries for hire, with 'pukka cattle,' in this climate, and at present fares, and see how soon they would get tired of it. His driving is certainly original, and his nag is not of the fleetest, but I pay him about Rs. 100 a month, calculating his fare as nearly as possible to his legal claim, and I never meet with incivility, and only occasionally a polite request for 'bakheesh.'

Take again the SMOKE NUISANCE. Probably most of the complainants are officials appointed to Bombay on account of its prosperity, or are conducting business more or less dependent on the Manufacturers' success to whom the prosperity of Bombay is entirely due; yet it is lightly proposed to inflict a heavy impost on their industry, for the benefit of a few who thoughtlessly complain of a small inconvenience.

The Manufacturers will be certainly justified in combining to resist any Municipal order, foisting upon them any so called SMOKE CONSUMING APPARATUS. If the Corporation are willing to experiment well and good; let them select the smokiest chimney in the town, and instal any or all of the apparatus for a period of twelve months: only in the interests of the rate payers it must be on the basis of NO CURE, NO PAY, and the appatus mongers to pay all expenses, this agitation will then surely end in SMOKE.

the tenants avoid this compulsion, a heavy fine should be imposed upon them by the municipality.

X. Motor Car speed, rash driving &c. Although one of your correspondents, I was told by a friend of mine, advised for cranks the remedy that all persons suggesting a speed limit of six miles for motor cars would be afforded a fine resort in the Colaba Lunatic Asylum, nevertheless I would tell him—who betrays his ownership of a motor car—that motorists should restrict their speed as much as possible in all busy streets of this city; that if he acted otherwise there would be a danger of his being motored to a place he would not like to visit. A gharrywallah who, for the sake of gaining a few seconds, rashly drives between a moving cart and a tramcar also in motion, both not very far from each other, should be cordially invited by the Umarkhadi Jail inmates.

A BOMBAY CITIZEN.

XXXVII.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—I have made so many best selections of ten, that I have resorted to the expedient of putting a number in my hat and drawing out one for "Show purposes." Herewith. And this, mind you, though I am not a regular inhabitant but only a spasmodic visitant of your expensive, beautiful yet not un-noisome City. I do not doubt the selection is as good as any other sent in, and my sympathies are with the unfortunate Judge of the deposited selections. As to remedies, I cannot but feel that "A short shrift and a merry one" with attendant Jubilant Saturnalia for the space of a week or two, coupled with robust use of the cat would be the most effective remedial measures that tortured brains could devise, but as Exeter Hall and armchair politicians exist, not to mention Grandmotherly Local Governments and other unnursed abominations, I have presumed these measures to be (I pray to be only for a time) rather beyond the regions of practical politics.

I have therefore descended to every-day commonplace methods for remedies. To proceed:—

1. Beggars, lepers and unsightly deformities. Insist by representation to the Police Commissioner on adequate working of the repatriation clauses as o beggars, and demand compulsory isolation colonies and asylums for the last two respectively. The City Fathers should push these matters.

2. Dilatory Booking clerks, (goods and passenger in the great Railway termini).

Require Railway Companies to institute trained Europeans in these important posts, more particularly as passenger ticket clerks: a saving of 7½ minutes per head is the calculated convenience, such a measure would ensure to the travelling public in purchasing tickets.

3. Unqualified hack drivers. Insist on the Conveyance Bye-laws being observed. Institute thorough examination tests and due insistence thereon by the Police.

4. Public conveyance nuisances i.e., open defiance of the laws and regulations of the Act, such as refusing a fare, demanding more than legal fare, wandering at will for hire etc. etc. These matters are entirely within Police control and if pressure is brought upon the public authorities concerned, the abuse will abate, but to hope for permanent, radical cure would be Utopian. The Magistracy should likewise be requested not to err on the side of leniency by their supervisory chief.

5. Inadquately restricted dogs. The establishment of a Home and killing chamber as at Batteraea, and require rigorous action by the Police regarding ownerless and uncontrolled dogs.

6. Inadequate water supply. Institute a system of payment by results after sacking the water engineers concerned; or strike and don't pay the rates.

7. Domestic servant's nuisance. Legislation on the models employed in Cantonments including registation of servants; and power to exclude undesirables from within prescribed limits, to be vested in the Police or City Commissioner.

8. Leisurely methods of postal, telegraph and other public office clerks. Report every instance of unnecessary delays, incivility etc., to the authorities concerned. Never sit down under a grievance of this sort.

9. Hindu Burning Ghats and Parsee Towers of silence, etc.

Legislate and make it compulsory that these be instituted in places away from human habitation i e., complete isolation. No burial or burning ground, or dead depository of any kind, should be allowed with-in the limits of the island at all; except it be scientifically constructed crematoria.

10. Flat nuisances, untimely music, refuse deposits: cookery effluvia, and improper tenants, etc.

Insist on governing clauses in agreements and, if the landlords remain obstrnetive, institute a Protective league.

All the way through, more energy and perspicacity in the City Fathers is indicated.

XXXVIII.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—I think plague can safely be given the most prominent place in any list of nuisances in Bombay City. Remedy:—Compulsory inoculation, particularly of children, so that the next generation will not suffer so much.

II. The dust in Bombay is very annoying. A strong wind raises such clouds of dust that one can hardly see anything. Watering the roads morning and evening does not seem to be of much use as the water dries very quickly, besides which, too much water on the roads is a nuisance, as any cyclist will agree. If oiling the roads is too expensive, why not use a cheaper substitute?

III. When you walk along the streets, the stench in some places nearly sickens you. Municipal refuse carts should be covered over, and their contents should not be strewed over the roads, and people who use the roads as latrines should be severely punished.

IV. The garriwallah is one of the worst nuisances in Bombay. The best way to deal with him would be to suspend his licence and fine him, and in extreme cases, to cancel his licence altogether.

V. The roads are very badly lighted, the lamps being two far apart; also on nights when the moon is supposed to be shining, the lamps are put out. The lamps should not be put out till at least 11 p.m.

VI. The bullock carts carrying cotton bales coming from the Cotton Green, Colaba, are a great nuisance. They go in strings and so close together that it is impossible for a carriage to turn a corner in some places without having to stop, besides which they are a nuisance to pedestrians and cyclists. Each cart should have a space of at least five yards between it and the next cart, so as not to interfere with other traffic.

VII. Something should be done, and be done quickly, with regard to the beggers in Bombay. Occasionally we hear of some beggers being prosecuted, but in most cases nobody bothers about them except the people whom they annoy. Many of them are diseased, and undoubtedly spread disease by being allowed to wander about, especially in places like the Crawford Market. There should be a Beggers' Home for those who are really destitute, while able-bodied frauds should be prosecuted.

VIII. The police sepoys do not direct the traffic properly. When a European officer is about it is alright, but as soon as he goes away there is confusion. For instance, a sepoy is placed at the junction of two or three roads to see that carriages etc keep on the right side; instead of standing in the middle of the road and doing his duty, the sepoy is very often found sitting on the rightside, while the gharry (which doesn't know the rule of the road) drives where he pleases. The remedy lies with the Commissioner of Police.

IX. The diseased parish dogs which wander about the streets are a grave danger, and they should be poisoned or otherwise done away with. It would not be cruelty to end the sufferings of these poor brutes which are a common cause of rabbies. Valuable dogs are bitten and often bite their master before anyone knows of it.

X. The street noises in Bombay ought to be stopped as much as possible. The newsboys, the hawkers and coolies all unite in making as much noise as they can. The coolie of course cannot work unless he makes a row, but the newsboys and the hawkers ought to be suppressed.—Yours, &c.

J. C.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills. Diseases of the Skin. No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefitted when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scurvy and eruptions, which had resisted all other modes of treatment, and gradually become worse, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself, and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.

THE JUSTICES' ELECTION.

(Concluded from page 5.)

It was feared from the outset that the result of yesterday's election, by the alleged cause of the procedure adopted therein, would be a matter for the Courts to decide. Sir Pherozeshah and his colleague seemed so convinced of the illegality of the procedure, that at one time they seemed to care little for what was being done. However, several well-known native gentlemen, outside the public arena, were seen in the Hall, working in influencing votes on behalf of the Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta. Mr. F. C. Harrison considered his and his party's position safe, on the strength of his "solid" voting system. The Justices supporting Mr. Harrison's combination had only to put their signature at the bottom of the voting paper specially persisted outside the municipal influence containing the sixteen names only that formtd the "Caucus".

From five in the evening, the crush in the Council Hall began to increase tremendously. The spacious Hall was occupied in all parts. The stairs leading up to the Hall and the passages were filled to overflowing and there waited a large concourse of natives on the road outside the Municipal buildings.

Exactly at 6 p. m. (Bombay time), Mr. W. D. Sheppard, the Chairman, announced that the ballot hour had closed. Suddenly up went the cry "Three cheers for Sir Pherozshah Mehta." This cry was soon taken up and Sir Pherozeshah was cheered three times three. At this moment the feeling was intense, and it could clearly be seen that those gathered there were simply carried away by their enthusiasm for the Parsee Knight. The cheering continued for about five minutes without a break and the din was ear splitting. The ovation to Sir Pheroshah was the greatest he has ever received in the Council Hall.

Mr. Bhaishankes Nanabhoy requested the Chairman, before he closed the business of the meeting, to appoint a time to hear his objections as to the validity of certain votes. A sub-section of section 29 had laid it down that the Chairman alone should provide the list of voting papers ("I fear, hear"). The Chairman, therefore, should first decide which were the votes and which were not. He objected to two voting papers, one of which was tendered by Mr. Navroji Wadia, which he had not signed at the meeting, and the second was one tendered by Mr. Vaidya. The speaker asked the Chairman to prepare first a list of all the valid votes, and send the result to the Municipal Commissioner. In conclusion, the speaker said, that he wished he should be allowed to be heard on those objections which he had raised.

The Hon. Mr. C. H. Setalwad challenged all the votes on the voting papers that were not issued at the meeting.

The Chairman said he would hear Mr. Bhaishanker and Mr. Setalwad on their objections at ten o'clock this morning. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

At this time, Mr. Lovat Fraser, the Editor of the *Times of India* was observed to be standing close by the Chairman. One of those present called out *Times of India* at which a tremendous hiss went up. Mr. Fraser, however, boldly faced the music with journalistic self-assurance. "Down with the "Times of India" shouted one hysterical dhotiwalla; while the still small voice of the only calm man in the hall muttered, and up with the "Akbar-i-Soudagar." Mr. Fraser, before leaving the hall, shook hands with Sir Pheroshah Mehta and wished him success. Sir Peroshah then amidst deafening cheers left the Council Hall, followed by the applauding crowd, who threw flowers, and bouquets at him and garlanded him profusely. People began running after his carriage saying "We don't want a Corporation without Sir Pherosbah." "Sir Pherosbah means the Corporation, and the Corporation means Pherosbah" 'One Pherosbah is wo th a thousand Harrisons," 'Long live Sir Pheroshah."

The feeling that pervaded the crowd was too intense for description. Shortly after Sir Pherosbah's departure down came Mr. F. C. Harrison, accompanied by Mr. Cowasji Jehangir Readymoney, and the crowd cried "Shame." "Down with Harrison and the Caucus" "No one wants you here." "You can't touch Sir Pheroshah, he is far above you." With these cries the people ran after him and some even brushed rudely against him. Threatining attitudes were by no means rare. The two gentlemen had for their safety to make good their escape from amongst the infuriated crowd in a motor car. Seeing the fate these two gentlemen met, the rest of the members of their party had found their way out of the Municipal buildings by a back-door.

To-day Mr. Sheppard hears the objections raised against the voting. The result of yesterday's voting could not be accurately ascertained, last night. It is however rumoured that the authoritses will be moved to set aside the election as an illegal one.

MR. R. B. CRADDOCK, C.S.I.

Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

SELECTION APPROVED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, FEBRUARY 21.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr. Riginald Henry Craddock to succeed Mr. John Miller C.S.I., as Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, the "Pioneer" says:—The appointment is one upon which the Central Provinces are to be congratulated, for an end will be put at last to the constant changes in the Chief Commissionership. Mr. Craddock has served continuously in the Provinces since his arrival in India twenty-two years ago, and is thus thoroughly acquainted with its special wants. He has had a short experience as Chief Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, but the greater part of his service has been in districts. He received his C.S.I. in January 1903—a rare mark of distinction for an Officer of only nineteen years' service. The Viceroy has wisely given full weight to local knowledge and administrative ability in making his selection from among the Officers of the Commission. This breaks through the custom obtaining for the last twenty-five years of importing some distinguished senior officer from outside, who could necessarily only stay for a short period. Mr. Craddock can occupy the post of Chief Commissioner until, in the course of time, the Central Provinces are given a Lieutenant-Governor. He will then be still available for that post, and there will be the precedent of Sir Frederick Fryer in Burma to justify his selection for the higher appointment.

THE INSEIN RYOTS.

Application for Bail by an Accused.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 21.

A wire from Rangoon, dated February the 20th, states that the trial of the Insein riot cases, which occurred on the Bakr-i-id has been postponed to the 4th of March.

To-day, before Mr. Justice Hartnall, application for bail was made on behalf of Sunder Singh, one of the accused, a man of considerable wealth and position. Counsel stated that the petitioner arrived at 10-30 a.m. at Insein, and the first riot occurred at noon. Sunder Singh at 1 o'clock petitioned the Insein Magistrate to stop the scandal caused to Hindus by the skinning of a cow by Mahomedans in front of a Hindu temple, and remained in Court till 5 o'clock begging that something would be done. In the meanwhile a second riot occurred, and afterwards Sunder Singh was arrested in Court.

Of the nineteen accused, none had ever been before a Magistrate.

Several applications for bail were refused and remands ordered without any reasons assigned.

Mr. Justice Hartnall has called for all the papers in connection with the case and has postponed the hearing of the application for bail till Saturday.

THE "PUNJABEE CASE.

Bengali Sympathy.

Dr. Surendranath Bannerjee presided at a meeting held at College Square to-day with the object of sympathising with the Editor and Proprietor of the "Punjabee."

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Dholka Railway for the last 9 days of December 1906, amounted to Rs. 2,345 being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 139. The total earnings from 1st July to 31st December were Rs. 48,667, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 8,092.

SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY HORSE AND DOG SHOW.

Second Day.

A SUCCESSFUL MUSTER.

The Bombay Horse and Dog Show was continued yesterday on the Marine Lines maidan in the Horse Show enclosure. There was a good entry of animals; and judging commenced at an early hour, under the supervision of Mr. Douglas Bennett, the Hon. Sec. The Judges were Col. O. H. Channer, Major Cole, the Hon. A Hill-Trevor, Major W. D. Smith, A. V. D., Mr. A. Gale, Mr. A. Harrington Bulkley, and Mr. J. Watson.

Year by year the Bombay Dog Show shows increasing vitality, and if the European population of the City continues to increase at the rate which the last census shows, there should be great times in store for the "fancy" in Bombay. This year's entries show a sound development upon the last, and though the Association has not been affiliated with the Northern India Kennal Association nor with the mother Society at home it will compare favourably with any similar club in India. Yesterday's exhibits varied, of course, but some very good animals were noticed. There was of course a good muster of smooth coated fox terriers, and they were a very good class. The cup went to Conductor Stone's Dunce, a doggie which might easily have been beaten by Major Cole's Chink but for age. However Major Cole's Yessica was placed first in the bitches' division with Sergeant Nelson's May second so that in the first allotment of pots the military scored all round. Altogether there were about thirty entries for this popular class of dog. In the division for wire-haireds Mrs. ffolliot Powell's kennel was too strong for the rest of the entries, and simply swept the board, She took all the prizes so that no body else had a look in. In the class for Irish terriers, only a few dogs were walked round, but amongst them was a knowing looking youngster, belonging to a Parsee "doggie man," Mr. Kavasji Ardeshir Chinoy, who has our congratulations on carrying off the cup from his European competitors. Though numerically weak the Irish terriers were a good lot. Mrs. ffolliot Powell was again to the fore in the Airedales, and her Rock Ferry was a fine type of this variety but its coat was not so fine as that of her bitch "Harmony" which secured first place, Captain Light's "Royalty" coming second. In the bull terriers Mr. Douglas Bennett and Mrs. Deane ran each other close, but the lady scored with her fine beast "Bill of Lambeth." Only four dogs were shown in this class.

The greyhounds were said to be the poorest lot ever shewn in Bombay, and there was nothing to beat Mrs. Duff's Sam Weller, whose slim body and sleek face is familiar "in the ring" in Bombay, though Col. Hyde Cates shewed a beautiful animal Half a dozen bull-dogs were walked round, and the palm eventually went to Mr. Kendall's fine bitch Ivy Green, which however was nearly beaten by Mr. K. K. Seervai's Sam. This class of dog, by the way, is greatly fancied by the Parsees. The Dachshunds were a poor lot, Mr. R. W. L. Dunlop and Mr. A. Strandes securing first and second place. In the class for spaniels and retrievers there was only one really typical dog benched, Col. Alpin's "Prince Charlie," but there was a great variety in the class for "other breeds," and doubtless no end of heartburning amongst those whose motley pets didn't shape very well in the list of awards. This year's new class was for Australian terriers, but the Judge thought the type was somewhat deficient, and the winner, Mr. Meyer's Ghusa was easily first. There was a good variety of special prizes of which particulars are given below:—

PRIZE LIST.

The following is the list of awards.

CLASS 1.
Smooth-coated Fox-terriers.
Dogs.
Conductor Robert Stone's Dunce 1
Major Cole's Chink 2
Bitches.
Major Cole's Yessica 1
Sergt. Nelson's May 2

CLASS 2.
Wire-haired Fox-terriers. (Dogs.)
Mrs. ffolliott Powell's Dusky Member 1
Mr. ffolliott Powell's Karari Hands up ... 2
Bitches.
Mrs. ffolliott Powell's Karari Worry 1

CLASS 3.
Irish Terriers. (Dog.)
Mr Kavasji Cuenoy's Free Lance 1
Bitch.
Capt. Thompson's Biddy 1

CLASS 4.
Airedales.
Mrs. ffolliott Powell's Harmony 1
Capt. Light's Royalty 2

CLASS 5.
Bull Terriers.
Mrs. Deane's Bill of Lambeth 1
Mr. Douglas Bennett's Lincoln Peggy 2

CLASS 6.
Greyhounds.
Mrs. Duff's Sam Weller 1
Col Hyde-Cates's Dandy 2

CLASS 7.
Bull Dogs.
Mr. J. H. Kendall's Ivy Green 1
Mr. K. K. Seervai's Sam 2

CLASS 8.
Dachshunds.
Mr. R. W. L. Dunlop's Quavir 1
Mr. A. Strandes' Gretie 2

CLASS 9.
Spaniels and Retrievers.
Lt.-Col. Aplin's Prince Charlie 1
Mr. F. D. McAlpin's Champion Dash 2

CLASS 10.
Other breeds not entered in previous classes.
Mrs. Dyson's Holarth (Irish hound) 1
Mrs. C. A. Ellis's Lena (Manchester Fox terrier.) 2

CLASS 11.
Best little of Pups.
Major Morris (little fox terrier pup) 1
Conductor Robert Stone's Norfolk Nittie and litter of fox terriers 2

CLASS 12.
All puppies on show between 6 and 12 months old.
Capt. Thompson's Blazer 1
Mrs. ffolliott Powell's Karari White Admiral 2

CLASS 13.
Australian Terriers.
Mr. A. Meyer's Ghusa 1
Miss Davie's Waller 2

SPECIAL DOG PRIZES.

1. A Silver cup presented by the Committee value Rs. 120 for the best Fox Terrier in Classes 1 and 2. Mrs. ffolliott's winer-haired Dusky Member.

2. A silver cup presented by the Committee value Rs. 120 for the best Fox Terrier Dog or Bitch bred in India. Mrs. ffolliot Powell's wire haired fox terrier.

3. A Silver cup presentend by Dr. Dinanath B. N. Dandekar, for the best Fox terrier Dog Pup under one year old, bred or born within a radius of ten miles of Bombay. Conductor R. Stone's wire haired fox terrier.

4. A Silver cup presented by Mr. Kaliandas V. Kapadia, wire haired fox terrier for the best Bitch Pup under one year's old bred and born within a radius of ten miles of Bombay. Mr. Douglas Bennett's May blossom smooth terner.

5. A Silver cup presented by Mr. Lakhmidas Morarji, J. P. for the best imported Irish Terrier Dog suitable for Stud. Mr. C. Chinoy's Free Lance.

6. A Silver cup presented by Mr. Dwarkadas Ranchhordas for the best imported Bull Terrier brood bitch. Mr. Douglas Bennett's Lincoln Peggy.

7. A Cup valued at Rs. 72 presented by H. H. the Maharaja of Jodhpur for the best Bull Dog in the Show. Mr. J. H. Kendal's Ivey Green.

HORSE SHOW.

The Horse Show was continued yesterday afternoon when several classes were judged in the presence of a very large assembly, with which was included a more than fair smattering of the gentler sex. H. E. Lord Lamington was present and His Majesty the Amir arrived in his motor car at 5-45, the car being driven right through the gates and the royal visitor being just in time to see some capital jumping by the ponies. Arrangements were excellently carried out and the Honorary Secretaries and their Committee deserve every credit, the Show going off in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, despite being a trifle behind hand.

Throughout the Show the class of horses exhibited has been of an exceptionally fine order and this was perhaps most noticeably so in the classes for genuine hunters. Arrangements for seating accommodation and tents provided for refreshments all tended to make the proceedings a great success and not least of these was the presence, by kind permission of Lt.-Colonel Murray and the Officers, of the Band of the Royal Scots with their Pipers.

Starting at 8 a.m. the first class on the programme was that for the best English or Colonial mare suitable for an officer's charger or hunter landed in Bombay since 1st July, 1906, by "bona fide" horse shippers for sale in India.

Lt-Col. G H Bull's c w g Brawl 1
Hon. A. Hill Trevor's c w g Oswestry 2

The class was judged by Major Peacocke, and Lt.-Colonel J. B. Forbes in Ring 1. Colonel Bull has a very taking horse in the winner who has but recently been landed and makes another of the list he has chosen from time to time and which invariably turn out well. The popular Hon. Secretary secured the blue ribbon with another very useful chestnut.

Arab Stallions over 14 hands.

Messrs. M. Goculdas and A. Nanji's c a e Galopin. 1
Mr. Aga Shumsudin Shah's c a e Royal Prince..... 2

Major Cotgrave and Mr. A Gale were the judges and the smart young Chestnut who at first promised to turn out something good on the race-course was selected, and a pony from another racing stable secured second place in a taking lot.

Arab Stallions 14 hands and under.

Capt. Orr Paterson's g a e Mishall 1
Lieut.-Col. Abud's b a e Martin 2

Capt. Davie and Mr. Mathradas Goculdas took this class and once more the selections fell to racing ponies and the Grey could only have won by a very narrow margin.

Ponies suitable for Polo, 14-1 and under, other than Arab and Country-bred.

Major A.A. Kennedy's b w g Gentleman..... 1
Capt. H. R. Hopwood b w m Holly 2
Lt.-Col. Dyson's j w g Dawn, Late Master..... 3

Another good lot and the judges, Major Peacock and Cotgrave, gave the verdict to a strong, typical little Polo Pony though the prize took some winning.

Arab and Country-bred ponies suitable for Polo 14-1 and under.

Capt J. H. Davie's b. a. g. Tigris 1
H. H. Prince Vijaysinhji of Palitana's c. cb. m. Viviene 2

Major Cotgrave and Mr. Prevost settled Tigris the ex-racer who was seen out in closed races last Poona Season, a very fit he looked, well on his toes and more on the big side than we have been accustomed to see him. The country-bred was one of the best of this class we have seen out.

Brood Mares, other classes over 14-2.

Major F. Lee's ch, w. m. Pretty Polly 1
Miss Trevor's b. w. m. Lucy 2

This was in Ring 2 under Major Peacocke and Lt.-Colonel Forbes and a quite taking lot were shewn, the winner being a very nicely set up chestnut waler.

Best country-bred Horse, Mare or Gelding.

Mr. Naranji Dwarkadas' ch. cb. g. Sir Trenton.... 1
Mrs. Morris' b. cb. m. Mascotte 2

A very classy lot came before Major Cotgrave Mr. Mathradas Goculdas and the winner, who has raced, undoubtedly commanded prime attention, a really pretty animal.

Brood Mares 14-2 and under other than Arabs and C. Be.

Capt. Meynell and Capt. Greig's c a m Recovery... 1
Mr. Naranji Dwarkadass' c w m Florrie 2

Major Peacocke and Lt. J. S. Forbes had an exceptionally classy lot to choose from. The two racing ponies were undoubtedly the pick and the English Chestnut was a perfect picture though it was hard to get away from the longish barrel and topping quarters of the waler who so unfortunately has gone in the wind.

The class of the best Arab landed in Bombay since July 1906 fell through owing to only two exhibiting.

Brood Mares suitable for breeding purposes Arab and Country-bred,

Mrs. Morris's b. cb. m. Mascotte..... 1
H H. Prince Vijaysinhji of Palitana's c cb m Vivienne 2

Major Cotgrave and Mr. Goculdas had but little difficulty in choosing Mascotte.

This concluded the events for the morning and at 3 30 p. m. the events were proceeded with.

English and Colonial Hunters 14-2 and under regularly hunted with the Bombay Hounds.

Judges: Major Cotgrave, Mr. A. Gale.

Hon. A Hill Trevor's c w g Oswestry..... 1
Mrs McCausland's c w g Pooh Bah 2

A deserving win for a well shaped little Chestnut.

English and Colonial Hunters over 14-2.

Judges:—Lt.-Col. Broome, Major Peacocke.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Miss Trevor's b w m Lucy 1
Capt. H R Hopwood's b w m Veronique..... 2

HEAVY WEIGHTS.

Lt.-Col Bull's g i m Twilight 1
Lt.-Col. Forbes' br w g Khala 2
Mr. T L Roberts' b w g Early Dawn..... 3

A very large number were shewn and these were divided into two classes. The light class was somewhat easily won by a Lucy a nicely built mare with an even action and easily managed.

The heavies were far more difficult to judge and the judges had to ride them before deciding. It was touch and go between the first two, the former a typical hunter and the latter a fine, strong brown with powerful withers who, it will be remembered, won the jumping, Mr. Robert's Sir Brain was also well in the running, a grand writher but a big clumsy about the legs.

Arab and Couotry-bred Hunters (Horse and Pony.)

Judges:—Major Cotgrave, Mr. A. Gale.

Capt B E Fellowa' c a e Dervish..... 1
Mr Cecil Grey's g a g Wild Fox..... 2

An exceptional good lot with very little to choose between several.

Ladies' Horses, other classes 14-2 and under.

Judges:—Lt.-Col. Broome, Major Peacocke.

Mrs J A Morgan's br w g All Gold, late All's Well 1
Mrs Morris b i m Veronique..... 2
Mrs W E Crum's br w g Deputy..... 3

A capital class though the winner ridden by Mrs Hopwood rather stood out. A splendidly built brown, a little above himself which perhaps rendered him the more attractive. Mrs. Morris rode her own mare and Mrs. Crum the third.

Arab and country-bred Hunters regulary hunted with the Bombay hounds.

Judges:—Major Cotgrave, Lt.-Col. Forbes.

Mr. Cecil Grey's b. a. g. Arabian Flag..... 1
Cap. B. C. Fellows' c a s Nero 2

The winner is a compact little grey, holds his head well and has ample power in his quarters.

English and Colonial Hunters over 14-2 regularly hunted with the Bomday Hounds.

Judges:—Major Cotgrave, Mr. A Gale.

These again were divided with two classes:—

LIGHT:

Hon. A Hill Trevor's b w g Melton..... 1
Capt. Rundle's b w g Apollo 2

HEAVY

Lt.-Col. Forbes b w g Sloth 1
" br w g Khala 2

By no means an easy class to judge the two in the light being of a very similar build, whereas from the first Lieutenant-Colonel Forbes' pair immedialy met the eye.

Ladies' Horses, Arab and Country bred.

Judges:—Lt.-Col. Broome, Major Peacocke.

Mrs. Morris' b. cb. m. Mascotte 1
Mr. L. Berraclough's b. a. e. Bucentaur 2
Mr. T. D. Moore's g. a. e. Akbar Khan..... 3

Another win for a smart mare, this being rather a poor bunch.

The jumping for ponies followed and some very nice performances were seen. Mr. Palmer made an unfortunate start as going fast at the first jump, his peny swerved to the right of the guard rail and his rider went throught it. On remounting, Inspiration proved a fine little lepper. The next to command attention was Mr. Stileman's Lux and he went over delightfully clean, a big, strong brown who should hunt well. Mr. Hatch's unfortunately refused at the double after going very well but Mr. Prevost's Mercia in Captain Meynell's hands gave stylish display for a little one. The only Arab, Captain Kiddle's White Heather went over well with Lieutenant Griffin after a refusal. Inspiration, Lux and Mercia were sent over again but the last named knocked the top bar off and lost his chance. It was a very close thing between the other two and Inspiration got it, probably for the perfect way he took the double in his stride. They were placed as follows:—

Mr. W. G. Palmer's c w g Inspiration 1
Mr. C. G. Stileman's br w g Lux 2
Mr. F. A. Prevost's c w m Mercia..... 3

Harness Classes brought the programme to a close that for Arabs and County-breds (Horse or Pony) in Single Harness coming first with Col. Forbes and Mr. A. Gale as Judges.

Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanji's b a s Hyderi... 1
Lt.-Col Dyson's b cb m Dainty..... 2
H H Prince Vijaysinhji of Palitana's g cb m Macaroon 3

The old racing pony, Hyderi went remarkably steadily holding his tail and head well but the other two were very close.

Pairs in Double Harness.

Judges: Lt.-Col Forbes, Mr A Gale.

Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanji's b m Lady Josephine and b e m Modesty 1
Mrs R S Powala's b w m Pallas and b w m Pomona 2

H T Topan's b w g Victor and b w g Albert... 4

There was very little to choose between any of the three who easily beat those of H. H. Prince Vijayasinhji of Palitana and Mr S V Wahed.

For the Teams, those of Mr J L Tallock, an iron grey four, were the only entrants and as they were but a poor lot no prize was given.

For the Best Hunter, there were two classes, the one for light weights being deservedly won by Miss Trevor with her Lucy. That for heavy was won by Lt.-Col. Bull's big grey, Twilight.

BOMBAY HUNT.

The existence of the Horse Show had a very marked effect on the number of people who attended the meet of the Bombay Foxhounds on Wednesday morning. Not more than 30 people, all told, turned up at Santa Cruz, but this select party were rewarded with a really first class gallop, the first two or three miles being without question the fastest burst this season's Pack has been able to show us. A pleasant change in the weather made the atmosphere delightfully cool, not to say cold, and it was in consequence just the kind of morning for hounds to really slip along, should opportunity present itself. The dawn having properly broken, the Master moved off with about a dozen couple of hounds to the brushwood in the direction of Paria. The Pack took very little time to acquaint us of the fact that a jackal was lurking about in this neighbourhood, as first one hound and then another owns to a scent, and together the Pack rushes out of the brushwood and across a long stretch of rice fields. The tremendous speed at which hounds were travelling showed us pretty clearly that if the jackal was one of the good old sort, it would be necessary for us to ride at no ordinary speed, should we desi re to see what hounds were doing. On leaving the rice fields the Pack reach the famous melon ground, and run at the same severe pace across the widest part of this villainous piece of land. Mow horses can learn to travel as they do over ground, full of deep dried up water courses, dark looking holes and numerous other impedimants which have been the cause of bringing more than one good rider to grief, is always a mystery to many people, but still it is wonderful what a horse can be trained to do, and in reviewing a season's sport the number of accidents due to the melon ground is not so very large after all. All the same the first time a man comes out to hunt with our hounds, this ground has a fairly terrifying appearance, but familiarity will in course of time breed contempt, and the pace at which the horses raced across this ground on Wednesday morning was indeed an instance of their indisputable disregard of its dangers. Having left this ground behind us, we enter the long Bomanwadi Valley at one end, and enjoy a veritable steeplechase along the whole length of it. This charming valley is full of splendid high banks and cactus hedges, all of which are sound and fair jumps, and what more could an eager rider to hounds wish for, with the "beauties" going at such a grand pace in front of us. At last we reach the Andheri Vehar Road, but the run is by no means finished yet, as the Pack tear across this road, scramble over a big dark wall, which caused more than one horse a certain amount of difficulty to negotiate, and continue the chase through a long mango orchard to some rather close jungle. Fortunately for us we are able to hit off a comfortable bridle path, along which we have to push our horses as fast as their good legs will carry us. On reaching the end of this lane we emerge into beautiful open woodland, and it seemed as if our quarry was making for the hills at Goregaum, but he artfully turns sharp to the right, and hounds in their feverish anxiety overrun the scent in consequence. A temporary check in the proceedings occurs, but the huntsman, showing an acute knowledge of the art of venery, wastes no time in lifting the Pack again on to the correct line, and we continue the hunt, albeit at a somewhat reduced pace, into the grass lands of the valley of Marole. It was a pleasant gallop over this long tract of firm turf, but at the end of the valley hounds ascend one of the roughest hills in the whole of our hunting country. The immense loose stones and slabs of sheet rock which cover this steep and dangerous hill caused little trouble to the hounds, but it was a very different affair for the horses, so much so that some, who attempted this act of mountaineering on horseback, got into hopeless difficulties, and had to abandon the hunt altogether. Many others however who knew their country and considered their faithful steeds, worked their way round this hill and pulled up on the far side of it. From here it was possible to get occasional glimpses of the Pack hard at work running round the ridge on the summit of the hill. At last one hound, and to his discredit be it said, runs down the hill absolutely mute, hunting hard and evidently on the correct line, but by his dumbness is of no assistance to his comrades. Eventually the rest of the Pack work out the line the jackal has taken and come down the hill into the valley once more. They run for a distance of 300 to 400 yards when scent again fails. The hunt officials who had all performed the aforesaid feat of mountaineering could not possibly descend the hill at the same pace as the Pack was able to; in fact, it was only with the utmost difficulty that they were able to get down the hill at all. When they did reach the Pack, the huntsman cast his hounds in various directions and though occasionally a hound would speak to a scent, only very desultory hunting was the result. As the hunt however was about to be abandoned, one hound some distance on the left spoke strongly, and the rest of the Pack was promptly taken in this direction, but it led to no success, and the huntsman had at last to admit that the jackal had been able to make good his escape, when we had arrived quite close to the big hill which guards one side of the big lake at Vehar. In thinking over the run, the country traversed was, with the exception of the almost unrideable stony hill which caused such a deal of trouble, much the same as the magnificent gallop of the 17th instant. It is not therefore unlikely that the jackal hunted on Wednesday was closely related to our quarry of the previous day. As hounds had hunted with such determination, one regretted that they were not able to earn their just reward, but the jackal must have been a fine specimen of his breed and is it unkind to hope that he may be in a position to give us just such another good hunt on some future occasion. The astounding pace he made hounds run from the Paria brushwood to the Andheri Road, in fact a mile or so further than this, was indeed a proof of his sterling qualities.

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THE MURRAY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, FEBRUAY. 21.

The following ties in the Murray Football Tournament are to be played at Lucknow on the 4th and 5th March.—The Blackwatch, The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Northamptons, South Staffords, the Somersets, Carabiniers, the Durhams, the Royal Irish.

The Semifinals between the winners of the Third Round will be played at Lucknow on the 6th and 7th March and the Finals on March 9th.

Maharaja Sir Chandra Shamsher Jung, Prime Minister of Nepal, has left Calcutta under the usual salute.

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FIFTH DAY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23.

The Byculla Club Cup. 1 Mile 5 Furlongs.

Fitzgrafton	9·12	Dirty Boy	6·10	Lord Boyne	6·4
Ballark	9· 7	Chasepot	6· 9	Beaunero	6·2
Footprint	6·12	Kipling	6· 8	Edie	6·0
Prince Lyon	6·11	Our State	6· 6		

If top weight accepting be under 9·1 it will be raised to that amount and the others in proportion.

The Stand Plate. 6 Furlongs.

Sermon	10·6	Dulcimer	7·12	Vocalist	7·2
Kilkus	9 ·2	Killeevan	7·11	Royalist	7·0
				Flotsam	7·0
Maniock	8·12	Metal Maid	7·10	Balayeuse	6·8
Posco	8·10	Saloon	7 ·9	Harpist	6·7
Paddy's Darling	8 ·9	Lady Metal	7 ·8	Dormant	6·4
Ferndown	8 ·8	Meadowsiftren	7 ·6	Adelaide	6·0
Amyas	8 ·3	Lady Avon	7 ·4	Rustile	6·0

If top weight accepting be under 9·10 it will be raised to that amount and the others in proportion.

The Turf Club Cup. 1 Mile 5 Furlongs.

Precious	9· 3	Ajax	8·7	Soheil	7·12
Hampstead	9· 1	Egypt	8·6

CAWNPORE COMPANIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, FEBRUARY 17.

The 32rd Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Muir Mills Company, Limited, will be held on the 23rd instant, when the Director's Report for the year 1906, will be submitted. The report states that the result of the working of the year, after providing for debenture interest, fire insurance, income-tax, depreciation, and all other charges, is a profit of Rs. 1,93,097-12-3. Adding to this amount the balance brought forward from 1905, viz: Rs. 2,062-5-1 and deducting the dividends paid in August amounting to Rs. 39,435-8-0, there is a sum of Rs. 1,05,734-9-4, available, which the Directors propose to dispose of as follows:—In payment free of income-tax of 3 per cent. in the preference shares (making 6 per cent for the year, Rs 44,425-8-0, in payment of a dividend free of income-tax of 3 per cent or Rs. 1-8 per share on the ordinary shares (making 6 per cent for the year) Rs. 45,000; reserve fund Rs. 15,000; and to be carried forward, Rs. 1,309-1-4. The year was a very unfortunate one for the Company; in August last the death of Mr C. F. Pope, late Manager and Secretary, caused a distinct loss, while a breakdown caused a serious stoppage of work during the second half of the year.

The 24th General Meeting of the shareholders of the Cawnpore Cotton Mill Co., Ld., will be held on the 25th instant, when the Directors' report for the year 1906 will be submitted. After providing for depreciation, and writing off the balance of depreciation to 31st December, 1905, the balance of profit for the year is Rs. 4,46,718-9-7, including the sum of Rs. 366-6-9 brought forward from 1905. From this a sum of Rs. 2,60,000 has been set aside to reserve fund for the equalisation of dividends, leaving Rs. 2,46,718-9-7 available, which it is proposed to pay out as follows:—Dividend on 8 per cent. reference shares, Rs. 64,000; dividend on 7 per cent. preference shares, Rs. 63,000; dividend on ordinary shares at Rs. 7 per share, Rs. 70,000; giving a total of Rs. 1,97,000. A sum of Rs. 49,718-9-7 is carried forward.

The 14th Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Cawnpore Sugar Works, Ld., will take place on the 22nd instant to receive the Directors' report for the year 1906, and to pass the accounts for the same period. The working of the year shows a loss on revenue account of Rs. 87,958-4-9, of which Rs. 84,259-1-0 was increased at the Marhourah Factory. After deducting Rs. 9,718-11-9 carried forward from 1905, and adding to this Rs. 3,425-5-3, the "ad interim" payment on account of interest on preference stock, the amount at debit of profit and loss account stands at Rs. 81,664-14-3. A sum of Rs. 25,329-5-10 on account of depreciation is added to this, giving a total defect of Rs. 1,06,994-4-1. After careful consideration of the Company's affairs, and having due regard to the prospects for 1907, the Board have recommended a withdrawal of Rs. 1,15,000 from the reserve fund to meet the deficit on profit and loss account, showing a balance at credit of profit and loss of Rs. 8,005-11-11, from which it is proposed to pay a dividend on the preference stock for the second half year, the balance being carried forward.

The sugar refining industry in India has had to contend against a combination of adverse circumstances which the Board have no hesitation in describing as unparalleled. While Indian refiners were obliged to pay extreme prices for their raw material, the crops in other parts of the world were excellent, certain important producing countries obtaining bumper fields, and the consequent external competition of cheap sugar thus presented any compensating advance in the prices of the refined product. In July and August last "Beat" granulated was selling in Cawnpore at the unprecedentedly low price of Rs. 6-6 per maund—a level which was never reached in the most acute stage of the Bounty Tax. The chief factor, however, which has caused the unsatisfactory results for the past year, was the extraordinary prices ruling for raw sugar ("gur") which owing to the partial failure of the cane crop in Northern India, rose in the months of April and May to over Rs. 5 per maund, as compared with a normal level of Rs. 3 per maund or lower. The hopes which were entertained of the Company being able to procure raw material for treatment at the Marheurah Factory and thus redeem to some extent the results of the partial failure of the cane crop were consequently not fulfilled, it being found impossible to obtain a full complement for even the Cawnpore Factory.

In connection with distilling operations, the Company was further handicapped by the high prices ruling for fermenting material. The distillery has worked intermittently during the past year, and although profitable results were impossible under the foregoing conditions, sufficient progress has been made to justify the expectation that under Normal circumstances, this department should contribute substantially to the Company's revenues. The Marhourah Factory is now for the first time since its establishment obtaining a full supply of cane and the prospects for the current season are encouraging. The outlook for the cane crop in Northern India is generally good, and a fine yield is expected in these Provinces. Rates for raw sugar are falling under the influence of ample supplies, and it is reasonable to anticipate that prices will not rise above a moderate level during the remainder of the season. At present levels for raw material and refined sugar, the Company's operations are being conducted on a profitable basis.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

The Honourable Mr. Justice F. C. O. Beaman, I. C.S., assumed the execution of the duties of his office as Acting Judge of His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay on the 15th February.

Captain H. J. R. Twigg, M. B., I. M. S., Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad, is granted privilege leave for three months with effect from the 28th February, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Lieutenant J. Anderson, I. M. S., to act as Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad, during the absence on leave of Captain Twigg, or pending further orders.

Mr. Rustomji Merwanji Patel, M. A., L. L. B., Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Bombay vice the Honourable Mr. Justice C. W. Chitty, B. A. (Cantab), Bar.-at-Law, confirmed as a Judge of His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Calcutta with effect from the 8th January.

Mr. F. C. Griffith, on return to duty, to be District Superintendent of Police, Kolaba, vice Mr. K. O. Rushton, proceeding on leave.

Mr. F. M. Gadney, on return to duty, to be District Superintendent of Police, Nasik.

Mr. T. S. Greenaway, on relief, to be District Superintendent of Police, Thar and Parkar.

Mr. A. H. Gordon, on relief, to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hyderabad.

Mr. W. B. Manley to do duty as Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sukkur.

Mr. G. Leathem, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Belgaum, was granted furlough on medical certificate for one month and 28 days from 24th October.

Mr. G. R. Duxbury to be Divisional Forest Officer, Nasik, vice Mr. L. S. Osmaston proceeding on leave.

Mr. Noshirvan Gustasp, Ph.D., to do duty as Divisional Forest Officer in charge of Working Plans, Northern Circle, vice Mr. G. R. Duxbury, pending further orders.

Mr. M. D. Mackenzie has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. G. S. Henderson to be Assistant to the Deputy Director of Agriculture in the Bombay Agricultural Department.

The services of Mr. E. Thompstone, Assistant to the Deputy Director of Agriculture in the Bombay Agricultural Department are placed at the disposal of the Government of India with effect from 1st April.

Mr. Roland Walker to pilot vessels in the Port of Bombay.

Mr. Arthur John Milnes to pilot vessels in the Port of Bombay.

Mr. Navroji Dorabji Dhakmarwala, G. B. V. C., Professor of Bovine Pathology, Bombay Veterinary College, was granted privilege leave for one month with effect from the 7th January.

Mr. Vicaji Edalji Vakharia, G. B. V. C., was appointed to act as Professor of Bovine Pathology, Bombay Veterinary College, during the absence on leave of Mr. Navroji Dorabji Dhakmarvala, G. B., V. C.

Mr. M. Hesketh, M.A. (Oxon.) to act as Inspector of European Schools, Bombay Presidency and Central Provinces, during the absence on leave of Mr. A. L. Covernton, M.A. (Oxon.), or pending further orders.

Captain Bertram Henry Hewett, Bombay Volunteer Rifles resigns his commission. Dated 8th January.

Second-Lieutenant George Penn-Simkins to be Lieutenant, Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles vice Lockwood, transferred to the supernumerary list. Dated 1st January.

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GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

A "STAR" AND A SALARY.

I have been among the strikers and the struck-against. I refer of course, to the trouble in our theatres of variety. But there are people unconnected with the music-hall profession who make a habit of marvelling at the magnitude of the artists' salaries. In the course of the hearing of that constantly revived comedy, Music Hall Artist's Claim at the T. R. Law Courts, it is an old joke with the Judge to intersperse with the remark What! Eighty pounds a week! Why, there are Cabinet Ministers who do not get such a salary as that! (To this a music-hall comedian once replied. And I should think not. Indeed! They aren't half so amusing as we are! Loud Laughter; which His lordships suppressed by means of the other old joke This is not a theatre! But that is merely by the way.)

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The judge of the Law Courts is only one of many persons who take the music-hall artist's eighty pounds a week to mean four thousand a year. Eighty pounds a week sounds very magnificent but what does it really represent? Not four thousand a year when the artist is three or four months out of an engagement. Not four thousand a year when he has paid the variety agent's ten or twenty per cent. fee. Not four thousand a year when, to be on the safe side of emergency, he has stocked himself with songs he may never sing and sketches he may never act, and paid so much down in advance to the writers and composers. Not four thousand a year when he has paid his four or five pounds a week for brougham hire. Not four thousand a year when he has given five guineas to this Fund and five guineas to that, and headed that almost weekly subscription raised on behalf of the scene-shifter's sister in the hospital or the dismissed stage hand in straitened circumstances. Not four thousand a year when at the three halls where he is engaged he has only submitted to the custom sanctioned by itself, of tipping behind the scenes. And no,—most certainly no,—four thousand a year when for five weeks out of a two months' engagement sickness has led to his receiving precisely nothing a week during his enforced absence from work! Such is the common fate of the artist who receives (when he gets it) eighty pounds a week. I leave to the immagination of my readers the troubles of the artist whose weekly salary, when he is in work, is anything from five to fifteen pounds.

A GAIETY GIRL'S STORY.

I have heard a remarkable story from a lady who was once a fairly prominent member of the Gaiety company. Perhaps the story, considering all things, is more significant than remarkable. Miss X's salary at the Gaiety was fifteen pounds. She was offered an engagement to sing at three "halls" for thirty pounds a week. It was an eight week's contract, and there would be the chance at the end of it if she made a success, of being re-engaged on higher terms. Very sweet and comforting to her was the idea of receiving just for a little extra work double the salary she had been getting at the Gaiety. She could do so well with that additional fifteen pounds. There was this and that and the other—and, oh, the very thought of it was much too lovely for words. And she danced with delight as only a Gaiety girl can dance, and spring at the offer as only a Gaiety girl can spring; and, having "signed," she smiled as only a Gaiety girl (with certain neighbouring exceptions) can smile!

SHORTLIVED JOY.

But the dance and the spring and the smile were soon to be taken out of her. She had not reckoned that a three-halls engagement would run her into broughan hire—one of the most expensive of many expensive necessaries of a music-hall artist's life. She had not reckoned on purchasing a stock of songs; and, being inexperienced in this matter, she brought far too many then she needed, and paid the writers and the composers far too much for them. She had not reckoned that in her new engagement she would have to provide all her own dresses—and made unanecessarily dresses at that. She had not reckoned on the variety agent's fee; on the expenses of one dresser all to herself if she had shared one with a couple of friends at the Gaiety) on the charges of the wig-maker; on the unceasing subscription lists, or on the tipping behind the scenes. Nor had she reckoned on being "out" for a week or two through illness and receiving no salary while absent. And what was the result of this tempting engagement? It meant that when it was over her profits on the eight weeks stood at fifteen pounds! This little story of a music-hall salary is not intended to bear any relation to the dispute between the Variety Artists' Federation and the music-hall proprietors. It is told for the information of the judges in the Law Courts and the world and his wife in their armchairs. And I hope it shows that £30 a week on the halls is no more £1 800 a year than is £30 a week £4,600 a year.

DAN LENO'S SNAILS.

I am reminded by this question of the true value of music-hall salaries of a little incident which once happened in the back garden of the late Dan Leno's house in Clapham. There were times, of course, when this great comedian himself was "out of a shop," as the professional phrase has it; and it was during one of his "resting" intervals that a comrade who had been encountering bad luck called upon him for assistance. Dan Leno was passing the time away by picking snails of his flower-beds, and he made a very comical picture as he stood there with a snail in each hand picking ruefully up the garden at his approaching "pensioner." The latter told his tale of woe. Leno made a wry face, which seemed to indicate a refusal; whereupon the needy friend immediately reminded him that according to the salary he was getting here and the other salary he was getting there, to say nothing of the salary he was to get in the Drury Lane pantomime, he must be earning nearly five thousand a year. 'More than that' exclaimed Leno with direly sarcasm—"much more than that! Didn't you hear of the addendum in my contract about snails. No? Why, Lor bless you, man, I'm getting, from the Strand more, a guinea a head for picking up snails, and the job is to last a month! I earned about a thousand pounds off one rose-bush this morning!"

MARRIED LIFE AT THE APOLLO.

It has for some time been rumoured in educational circles that Apollo owned a very splendid temple in Delphi. I only mention this fact because, in a classic young manager like Mr. Otho Stuart, there seems something peculiarly fitting about his recent move from the Adelphi to the Apollo. But he always moved in a natural sort of way when he was a member of the Benson Company, so this may account in some measure for the appropriateness of his present action. With his programme at the Apollo, Mr. Stuart is perhaps more traditional than classic. The play by "John Valentin," "The Stronger Sex," deals with nothing less common, on the stage and off, than a serious disagreement between husband and wife with its customary competition for the right of exercising the upperhand. She wins because she has a pistol—and also because it would not be in sympathy with the immediate; and might I say semi-political—tone of the times for the wife to lose. The play is very clever written, and the acting, taking it all round, is perfect. But it is somewhat difficult for the ordinary mind to take a sympathetic interest either in the wife who tames her husband with a pistol or in the husband who threatens his wife with a fist.

"THE TAMING OF THE BRUTE."

Warren Barrington is a hopelessly horrible cad—at least he would be if he were not all the time the artistic and fascinating Mr. Leonard Boyne. He marries a pretty young girl for her money. He bullies her on the honeymoon. And he tells her flat that he is really in love with another lady. Of course, a man like that should not be tamed with a pistol. He should be shot with one. (By the way, the title of John Valentine's play, when I first heard of it, was "The Taming of the Brute"—which sound is very like a feminine rotor to Shakespeare's Petruchio, but hardly fair one since that boisterous gentleman only used the domestic whip.) The art of Mr. Boyne is so enjoyable that it almost makes us forget the impossibilities of the cause in which it is so vigorously exercised. Not long ago, at the Scala Theatre, Miss Jessie Millward was seen taming a "worse half" in a comedy called A School for Husbands. The author of the piece was wise enough to dress his characters in the fashions of a hundred and fifty years ago. That was a great help to the audience in the task of sympathising with the noble work of the heroine. Most comedies of a hundred and fifty years ago were like that.

CLEVER ACTING.

If it were not unfair to look beyond the final fall of the Apollo curtain—but, of a certainty, it would be unfair. Anything is unfair that robs, or might tend to rob, and enterprising wife of a hard-earned victory. But if it were not unfair—only supposing, as the children say—one would expect to see Warren Barrington breaking out again in the same old way only more so. A man who tries to strike his bride-wife with his fists and who informs her that he has married her for her money and that he loves another is not the sort of character to settle down into a devoted hubby even though the wife added the fire-irons to the persuasive firearms. But The Stronger Sex makes an exciting and amusing play, and that is so much that it is greedy to ask for more. Miss Nina Boucicault's acting in the part of the Peruvian wife is a treat in store for intending visitors to the Apollo; Mr. Leonard Boyne, as I have hinted, is in his best form as the Kathariolan husband; and Miss Lilian Braithwaite is prettily tender and sweetly womanly as Joan Forsythe, the young lady with whom Barrington was in love when he married Mary. In the opening playlet, The Peacemaker, Miss Braithwaite acts in a very winning fashion the part of a peacemaker between a young husband and wife on the verge of separation; so it will be seen that the programme at the Apollo is not without its domestic interest.

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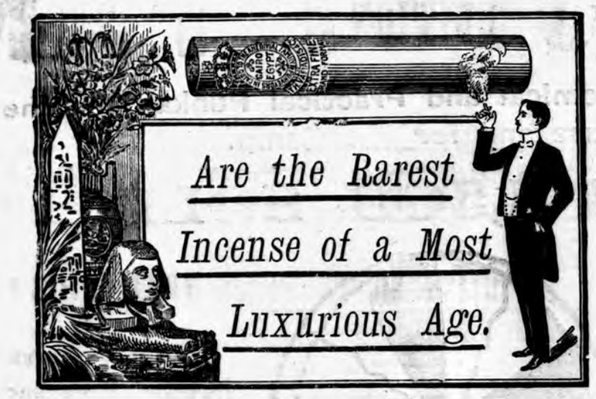

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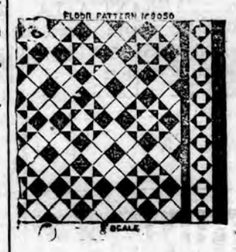

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